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TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
MAINE**

JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

**THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF
GOVERNMENT**

RICH IN HERITAGE, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

RECOGNITION

The Town of Bucksport would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service to the town.

Douglas Gray retired in June 2009 after having worked nearly thirty-four years for the Bucksport Police Department as a police officer and police chief. Having served 28 years as police chief, Doug was instrumental implementing the concept of “community policing” in Bucksport and making sure the department was always responsive to the needs of the public.

Bryon Vinton III retired in May of 2009 after having worked thirty-one years for the Bucksport Police Department as a police officer for twelve years and supervisor for the dispatch center for nineteen years. Under Bryon’s guidance, the dispatch center handled in excess of 60,000 calls per year. Bryon was also instrumental providing guidance to the department regarding its technology needs during a period significant change.

On behalf of the citizens of Bucksport, the members of the Bucksport Town Council would like to extend their appreciation to Doug and Bryon for their years of dedicated services to the Town of Bucksport and to wish that both of them and their spouse have a happy retirement. Thank you for everything you did for this community.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

PLANNING BOARD

John Daniels	March 31, 2013
Gail Hallowell	March 31, 2014
Rosemary Bamford	March 31, 2010
George Hanson	March 31, 2010
Edward Blecher	March 31, 2011
David Grant	March 31, 2011
Marc Curtis	March 31, 2012

TERMS EXPIRES

TOWN COUNCIL

David Keene	January, 2008
Edward Rankin Sr.	January, 2008
Jeffery Robinson Sr.	January, 2009
Michael Ormsby	January, 2009
Robert Carmichael Sr.	January, 2010
Joel Wardwell	January, 2010
Elizabeth Whitney	January, 2010

SCHOOL BOARD

Judith Belton	January, 2008
Robert A. Howard.	January, 2009
Bruce Clement	January, 2009
Paul Bissonnette	January, 2010
Silvia Wight	January, 2010

ASSESSOR

Carol Oliver	November, 2007
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BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Dorian Jacob	March 31, 2008
David Grant (Alternate)	March 31, 2008
Daniel See	March 31, 2009
Oliver Jacques	March 31, 2010

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Tennant	March 31, 2008
Jeremy Daigle	March 31, 2009
Emery Deabay	March 31, 2010
W Kim Delbridge	March 31, 2011
Douglas Robinson	March 31, 2012

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Frederick McHale	March 31, 2008
David Winchester	March 31, 2008
Frederick Trasko	March 31, 2009
Nickey D. S. Wight	March 31, 2009
Patricia Gray	March 31, 2009
Robert Mercer	March 31, 2010
Sean Geagan	March 31, 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Cloutier
Julia Edelbute
Gaylen Gray
John Christopher
Linda Plourde
Kathy Downes
Darci Bradstreet

TERMS EXPIRES

March 31, 2008
March 31, 2008
March 31, 2009
March 31, 2009
March 31, 2009
March 31, 2010
March 31, 2010

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Oliva Jacques
Robert Briggs
Henry Bourgon
Robert Carmichael Sr.
Recreation Director
Town Manager

March 31, 2008
March 31, 2008
March 31, 2008
March 31, 2008
March 31, 2008
March 31, 2008

**TOWN MANAGER, TAX COLLECTOR,
TREASURER AND WELFARE DIRECTOR**

Roger Raymond

Indefinite

TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Kathy Downes

Indefinite

POLICE CHIEF

Douglas Gray

Indefinite

**FIRE CHIEF, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
SERVICES AND FIRE WARDEN**

Craig Bowden

Indefinite

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Talbot (Tim) Emery

Indefinite

CEO AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Jeffery Hammond

June 30, 2009

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASUREMENTS

Arthur Sawyer

March 31, 2008

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

David Milan

Indefinite

HARBOR MASTER

Douglas Gray

March 31, 2008

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Duane Nadeau

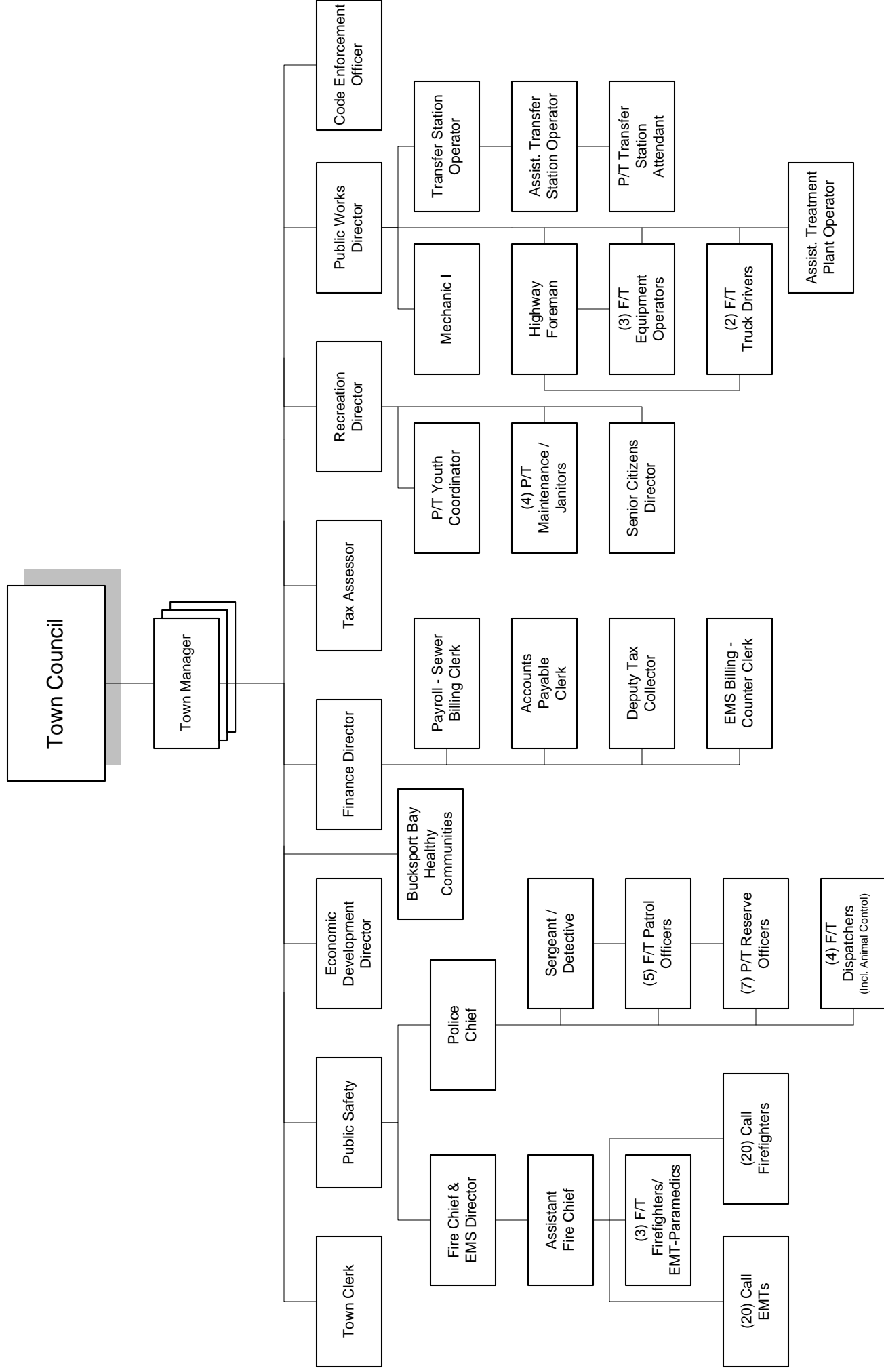
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HEALTH OFFICER

Valerie Sulya

March 31, 2008

Town of Bucksport



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT 2008-2009

I am pleased to make available the Annual Town Report for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Following is a brief summary of the issues my office provided administrative support to the Bucksport Town Council during the fiscal year. This is in addition to my responsibilities as Treasurer, Tax Collector and General Assistance Administration

School Consolidation

Public Law was enacted by the 123rd Maine State Legislature requiring school administrative units with less than 2,500 students to reorganize and form a regional school unit (RSU) or a school administrative unit (SAU) that complies with the provisions of the act. Because the Bucksport School Department had less than 2,500 students, it became necessary for the school department to initiate the process with neighboring communities to form a RSU or SAU. Bucksport joined with the Town of Orland and member communities of SAD #18 which include the towns of Verona Island and Prospect. Since no other partners could be identified, the four participating communities were allowed to form a RSU under a provision of the act referred to as "donut hole communities" creating a RSU with a minimum of 1,200 students. After many months of deliberation, a plan was developed and submitted to the voters of the four participating communities in November 2008. The vote was approved by all four communities and RSU #25 was formed. This is a significant change for the Town of Bucksport since it has been the responsibility of the Bucksport School Department to deliver quality education to the students of Bucksport since the town's inception. RSU 25 is a separate entity with its authority derived from state statute and governed by its own board of directors. A summary of the Consolidation Plan has been included in a separate part of this report for your review. The plan identifies in detail the procedures to be followed to implement the new RSU.

Downtown Improvements

Two substantial projects were completed during the fiscal year. The first involved the construction of a new 16 space public parking lot located off Central Street across from the Old Jed Prouty. Property which included a four unit apartment building was purchased by the town. A Maine Investment Trust Fund grant was received from the Office of Economic and Community Development to pay to remove the building and construct the parking lot. The project was completed in time for the summer festival.

A second project included the installation of new street signs and posts along Main Street. That project was paid for with grant funds received from the Office of Economic and Community Development. Both projects were identified goals in the 2005 Downtown Plan. Additional goals will be implemented as opportunities become available.

Waterfront Improvements

After several years of planning and obtaining the necessary permits, the walkway along the waterfront extending from Peary's Landing to Route 1 was completed. Now that the extension is complete, the overall length of the walkway is close to one mile.

Additional amenities were also constructed at Peary's Landing to encourage motorist traveling across the Bucksport-Verona Bridge to take a left. The project was paid for with Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) revenues and a grant from the Office of Economic and Community Development.

Personnel Changes

By far, the most significant personnel change was to hire a new police chief resulting from the retirement of Douglas Gray who served as Bucksport's Police Chief for twenty-eight years. After a national search, the town council selected Sean Geagan as the new police chief who took over on June 14, 2009. Sean, a twenty year veteran on the force as well as having served as sergeant/detective for eight years, was a formidable candidate who prevailed. Sean has been given a one year appointment and will be considered for reappointment for an indefinite period upon successful completion of his probationary period.

Bryon Vinton III, Dispatch Supervisor also retired in May 2009. Bryon served as dispatch supervisor for fifteen years. His loss was significant since he provided all of the technology support to the department. A new full-time dispatcher was hired to assume the dispatching duties and the other administrative and technology related responsibilities were transferred to other department personnel who were capable of assuming new duties.

Effective on 7-1-2009 and after the resignation of the superintendent for the wastewater treatment facility, the responsibility of supervising the system was contracted to Aqua Maine. Aqua Maine is the owner and operator of the public water system that serves the Town of Bucksport. The change required staff to merge to collectively maintain both systems. This resulted in staff sharing weekend duties and provided more stability when employees are on leave. In addition, the knowledge and experience shared by staff has resulted in favorable changes to the plant that has increased the quality of the treatment and improved efficiency.

Capital Improvements

The third year of 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Plan was implemented by the town council. Some of the more significant activities included purchase a fully equipped plow truck, sidewalk plow and ambulance. In addition, a new concession stand and bathroom facility was constructed to support activities at Carmichael Field and the Miles Lane Facilities. Improvements at the wastewater treatment facility and to all remote pump stations were completed with grant funds received from Rural Development. Improvements that were not supported by grant funds were paid for from annual appropriations and did not necessitate the need to issue any new general obligation debt. Over \$300,000 was expended for highway and street improvements that are more specifically detailed in the Public Works Director's Report that can be found as part of this Annual Report.

By far the most significant capital improvement during the fiscal was improvements at the Bucksport High School. Over \$1,000,000 was expended to upgrade all of the bathrooms and locker facilities and to replace 12,000 square feet of roofing. The improvements were paid for from the school department's fund balance after approval was granted by the citizens, to expand an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for improvements at the high school.

Land Use Ordinance

Significant time was committed towards the development and adoption of a new land use ordinance that complies with the provisions of the comprehensive plan. The ordinance has been in the development phase for the last two years. By the end of the fiscal year, the first draft was completed and submitted to the Planning Board for their comments. The new Bucksport Land Use Ordinance has been combined with the mandatory Maine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in order to make it more convenient for citizens to reference. Hopefully, the ordinance will be adopted before the end of the 2009 calendar year.

Website Development

A new website has been developed that offers a significant range of resources to citizens of Bucksport. With the guidance and efforts of Dave Milan, Economic Development Director and Debbie Fitzpatrick, Finance Director, the site has been tweaked to be more resourceful and simpler to access information. I encourage you to visit the site at www.bucksport.biz.

Issues

By far the most significant issue facing our community, as it is with most other communities throughout the State of Maine and our nation, is the economy. During the fiscal year, revenues more specifically excise tax and Maine Revenue Sharing fell short from previous year's receipts by 10 to 15 percent. In addition, new machinery and business equipment became exempt from property tax and subject to reimbursement from the State of Maine for the first time in our history. New Citizens' Initiatives also continue to threaten our revenue stream. In November, citizens will be asked to vote to reduce excise tax by 40% and Tabor II, a tax limiting initiative. Even through minimal at this time, the impact from losses of revenue will begin to wear down the town financially resulting in higher taxes and/or loss of services. How efficiently we manage will determine the magnitude of these losses.

I would like to encourage all citizens to take the time to review this report which includes detailed information regarding the finances of this community, reports from all of the department heads regarding services and personnel for their department and reports from the finance director, town clerk, economic development director, assessor, code enforcement officer, health plan coordinator and school administrative personnel.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the department heads, supervisors, office staff, and all the other employees for their dedication and hard work. I would like to extend my appreciation to the members of the Bucksport Town Council, all the committee and board members and citizens of this community for the support and guidance provided.

Remember, it is with your support that we continue to strive to make this the best community we can.

Respectively submitted,
Roger Raymond, Town Manager

FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for the custody, collection, disbursement and investment of Town funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, town policies and procedures and applicable state law. Responsibilities also include the collection of all Town revenues and disbursement of all monies, while maintaining fiscal control over all expenditures to ensure budget appropriations are not exceeded. In addition, the department is required to produce monthly and annual financial reports and analyses regarding the Town's financial status, as required by the Town Manager, Town Council or external auditors. Further, the Finance Department provides financial assistance to Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition and currently accounts for in excess of \$500,000 of federal, state and local grant awards. The Finance Department consists of five employees including the Finance Director, Accounts Payable Clerk / Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, EMS (Ambulance) Billing Clerk and Payroll Clerk / Utility Billing Clerk. The office staff processed in excess of 21,000 transactions, including vital statistics for the year ended June 30, 2009, of which 6,522 were by mail, in total a 0.7% increase over the previous fiscal year.

Financial and Economic Trends / Factors:

Local Economic Factors -

Bucksport's financial performance and management of resources remains strong with eight consecutive general fund surpluses. The undesignated general fund balance increased to \$7.06 million for the year ended June 30, 2009 from \$6.70 million for the same period in 2008 or a 5.4% increase.

In fiscal 2009, the Town's economic improvements included Verso Paper's operational efficiency upgrades, which generated approximately \$10.0 million in additional industrial property value. However, the economic downturn continues to make its mark on the region with residential home sales leveling off locally, with prices at approximately 99% of assessed value.

Fiscal 2009 budget expectations continued to support operational and program needs within LD-1 tax limitations somewhat stunted by the economic downturn and flat local economy. Property taxes remained the largest source of revenue for the Town in fiscal 2009, comprising approximately 49% of revenues. The Town's mill rate declined to 12.8%, down from 13.8% and is the fifth consecutive year that the mill rate had declined or remained unchanged. Substantially all of the decrease was attributed to growth in assessed values of existing residential and commercial property resulting from the Town's most recent local valuation adjustment, demonstrating an increase in local home and business real property sales prices from fiscal 2006.

Uncollected real estate and personal property taxes and liens totaled \$217,925, an increase of \$47,685 or 28.0% from the 2008 period. The majority of the increase, over 71%, reflects an increase in the dollar value of liens filed on unpaid taxes. Nonetheless, overall tax collection rates remain at levels consistent with the previous year or 98.3% for fiscal 2009 versus 98.5% collected in fiscal 2008.

The projected near-term financial outlook for Bucksport remains stable, consistent with its recent financial results and the current level of the unreserved fund balance. Future financial stability for the Town will likely depend on several key factors: sustainable long-term financial health of the mill, economic recovery at both the regional and state levels, and continued access to manageable capital project financing.

Financial Trends –

Governmental Activities –

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the general fund total fund balance increased by \$867,405 over the prior fiscal year. The non-major fund balances decreased by \$901,286 over the prior fiscal year. Most of the increase in the general fund came as a result of under-spent appropriations in most of the expenditure categories and several over-budget revenue categories. The decrease in the non-major fund balances came because of considerable expenditures in the capital project funds. Those funds alone had a deficit of \$1,029,046, which represents capital outlays in excess of current year appropriations. Substantially all of the deficit was due to expenditures on high school renovations of \$993,879 appropriated in the previous fiscal year. *Refer to the Audited Financial Statements found at the back of this report for further details.*

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Financial Trends (continued) –

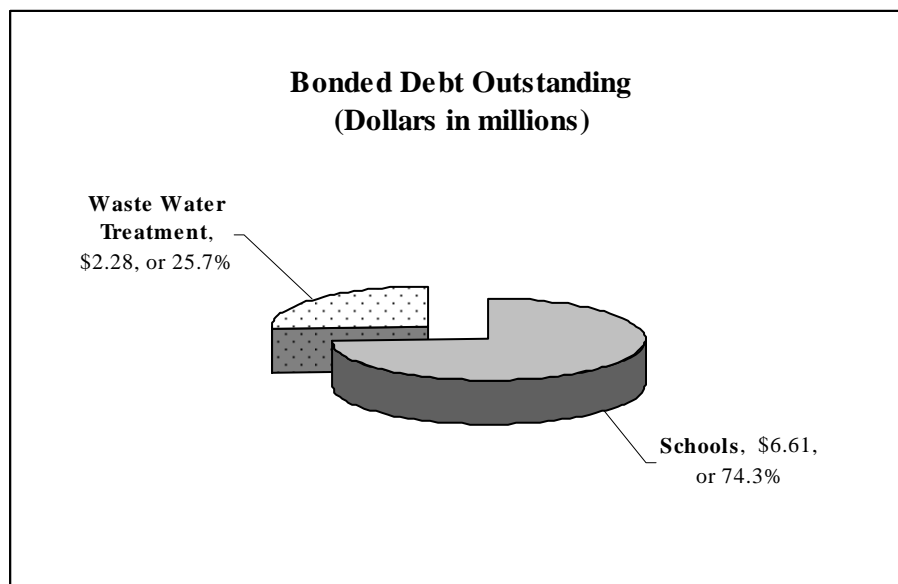
Business-type Activities –

The Town's sewer department is separately funded primarily with user fees. Fiscal 2009 operating costs increased less than expected by approximately 12.6% over those incurred in fiscal 2008. The increase is primarily attributed to operating costs associated with the newly completed combined sewer overflow abatement facility and regular maintenance & repair on existing facilities and equipment. User fees increased approximately of 5.6% over the 2008 period. However, based on a recent Maine Rural Water Association sewer rate survey, the Town's rates remain within the bottom twenty-five percent of sewer rates statewide.

Long-term Financial Planning –

Debt –

At June 30, 2009, the Town had \$8.89 million in bonds outstanding versus \$9.73 million last year, a decrease of 8.7%, primarily due to normal principal reduction, including the payoff of a 1989 sewer obligation.



In their Public Finance report published June 3, 2009, Standard & Poors Ratings Services has raised the Town's rating on general obligation (GO) bonds issued by the Town from an A- to an A. Continued financial stability was a leading factor in the bond rating change. Our principal tax payer, Verso Paper, has continued to make various investments at the Bucksport mill location while maintaining its current workforce levels. Other factors for the decision include what the S&P Ratings Services describes as, "a strong financial position to offset potential property tax declines due to the taxpayer concentration and an unreserved general fund balance at a very strong 46% of expenditures, after drawing down the balance by about \$700,000 for capital expenditures." In addition, the Town's continued low net debt level and controlled future capital investment plan have also bolstered the rating. Maintaining or improving this rating will afford the Town a more favorable interest rate on future bond issuance.

Undesignated Fund Balance Policy –

To limit the Town's exposure to unforeseen cost and more specifically to provide an adequate level of funding should a significant valuation loss occur from its largest taxpayer (Verso Paper), Bucksport adopted an Undesignated Fund Balance Policy in May of 2008. The Town's management designed the policy around maintaining a level of funding in Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) that provides financial stability for the community into the near future, as Verso's valuation accounts for approximately 44% of the Town's overall valuation. In addition, the policy will assist the Town in maintaining its current favorable bond rating and provide direction to the Town Manager during annual budget preparation. The policy requires that a surplus minimum be maintained equal to three months of the Town's total expenses (gross budget) plus an amount equal to three months of the annual taxes for the mill.

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Undesignated Fund Balance Policy (continued) –

For example, if the Town's proposed gross budget is \$17,000,000 and the annual taxes for the mill are \$4,140,000, then the minimum to retain in surplus would be \$5,285,000 calculated as follows: $(\$17,000,000 \times 25\% = \$4,250,000) + (\$4,140,000 \times 25\% = \$1,035,000)$. The Town maintained balances in excess of the required minimum level for the fiscal years ended 2009 and 2008 of \$1.09 million and \$0.79 million, respectively. The policy also includes a provision for the suggested utilization of excess funds on future capital improvements and/or accelerated payment of debt service.

Looking Ahead:

Fiscal 2010 Budget –

On May 28, 2009, the Town Council approved a gross budget for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010 totaling \$10,400,230, which reflects a decrease of approximately \$312,000 or 2.9%. Much of the decrease can be attributed to reduced utilization of undesignated fund balance (surplus) for capital improvements, amount raised for general and adult education along with reductions across nearly all remaining municipal departments. The local portion of education costs totaled \$5,377,923, representing an approximate decrease of \$65,000 over the 2009 period. *For details on total appropriations, refer to the Budget Comparison documents that follow.*

The net tax commitment totaled \$8,046,261 and reflected a decrease of approximately \$69,144 or 0.9%. The tax rate was set at 12.52 mills based on the total adjusted local valuation of \$677,079,008, which includes both the homestead and BETE valuation adjustments and reflects a reduction of 0.23 mills in comparison to the previous year.

The local economy for the coming year is projected to remain stable with Verso Paper's diversification of paper products and plans to produce greater amounts of green energy at its Bucksport plant to ensure greater financial viability into the future. The housing market will likely suffer the effects of the economic downturn with continued slow sales and the potential for reduced home values.

Revenue streams may be altered as state budget and referendum outcomes unfold. Please refer to the municipal and sewer budget comparison information that follows for specific details on the fiscal 2010 budget.

Electronic Payment Processing –

We will be exploring the feasibility of offering electronic payment options to the citizens of Bucksport based on final approval of LD #715, The Act to Enable the Use of Credit Cards for Government Transactions, which became effective on September 12, 2009. It is our goal to provide flexible payment options for a wide variety transactions including real estate tax and utility payments, motor vehicle registrations and sport and recreational vehicle licensing, in the most convenient and cost effective manner for the citizen. In addition, we will look at expanding our on-line payment services. Electronic payment services are expected to be in place before the end of the fiscal year.

Acknowledgements:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to each member of the Town Office staff for their hard work and prompt, courteous and professional manner with which they serve the public and employees alike. To the Town Manager and Town Council for making Bucksport a wonderful place to work and live.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah S. Fitzpatrick
Finance Director

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT

OVERALL BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2009 TO 6-30-2010

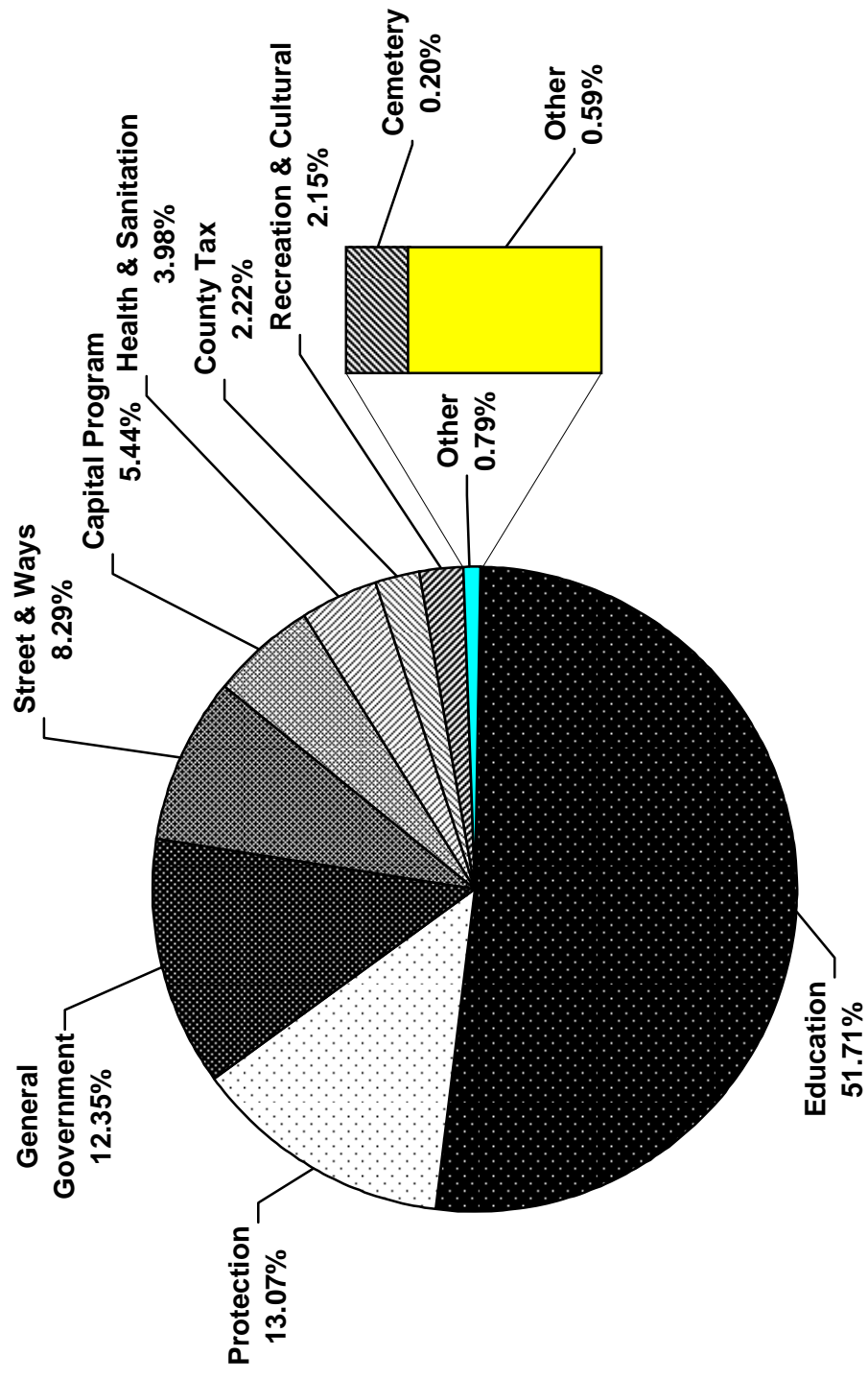
Account Number	Account Name	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Budget	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>									
50	General Government	\$ 1,189,817	\$ 1,103,637	\$ 1,278,236	\$ 1,120,173	\$ 1,287,456	\$ 1,284,357	\$ (3,099)	-0.24%
51	Protection	\$ 1,193,838	\$ 1,293,140	\$ 1,322,991	\$ 1,246,702	\$ 1,383,854	\$ 1,359,836	\$ (24,018)	-1.74%
52	Street & Ways	\$ 842,870	\$ 809,699	\$ 804,415	\$ 840,921	\$ 877,423	\$ 861,935	\$ (15,488)	-1.77%
53	Health & Sanitation	\$ 429,115	\$ 373,317	\$ 441,888	\$ 369,063	\$ 436,725	\$ 413,552	\$ (23,173)	-5.31%
54	Com. & Social Agencies	\$ 56,502	\$ 55,991	\$ 56,502	\$ 52,254	\$ 57,602	\$ 57,602	\$ -	0.00%
55	Education	\$ 11,606,067	\$ 11,148,963	\$ 11,869,134	\$ 11,487,579	\$ 5,446,493	\$ 5,378,158	\$ (68,335)	-1.25%
56	Recreation & Cultural	\$ 219,317	\$ 184,743	\$ 214,162	\$ 192,099	\$ 220,022	\$ 223,336	\$ 3,314	1.51%
57	Capital Program	\$ 678,000	\$ 678,000	\$ 756,000	\$ 756,000	\$ 737,000	\$ 566,000	\$ (171,000)	-23.20%
58	Debt Service	\$ 21,844	\$ 21,844	\$ 21,487	\$ 21,487	\$ 21,130	\$ 20,772	\$ (358)	-1.69%
59	Cemetery	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ -	0.00%
60	County Tax	\$ 271,757	\$ 271,757	\$ 256,042	\$ 256,041	\$ 240,444	\$ 230,562	\$ (9,882)	-4.11%
64	Overlay	\$ -	\$ 2,786	\$ -	\$ 62,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
65	TIF	\$ -	\$ 1,068,945	\$ -	\$ 956,446	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
66	Uncategorized Expenses	\$ -	\$ 158,114	\$ -	\$ 230,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
Total Budget Expend									
		\$ 16,513,247	\$ 17,175,055	\$ 17,024,977	\$ 17,595,747	\$ 10,712,269	\$ 10,400,230	\$ (312,039)	-2.91%
	Total Municipal Budget	\$ 4,907,180	\$ 5,804,986	\$ 5,155,843	\$ 6,108,168	\$ 5,265,776	\$ 5,022,072	\$ (243,704)	-4.63%
	Total School Budget	\$ 11,606,067	\$ 11,370,069	\$ 11,869,134	\$ 11,487,579	\$ 5,446,493	\$ 5,378,158	\$ (68,335)	-1.25%
<u>REVENUES:</u>									
1001	Property Tax School	\$ 5,374,134	\$ 5,374,134	\$ 5,398,284	\$ 5,398,284	\$ 5,446,493	\$ 5,378,158	\$ (68,335)	-1.25%
1001	Property Tax Municipal	\$ 2,511,687	\$ 3,771,968	\$ 2,522,477	\$ 3,687,354	\$ 2,310,288	\$ 2,309,079	\$ (1,209)	-0.05%
1002	Supplemental	\$ -	\$ 29,490	\$ -	\$ 21,534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1003	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 520,000	\$ 715,208	\$ 545,000	\$ 718,853	\$ 570,000	\$ 570,000	\$ -	0.00%
1004	Boat Excise	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,417	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,907	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
1005	Auto Registration Fees	\$ 15,000	\$ 19,178	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,485	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
1006	Recre. Veh. Registration Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1007	Interest on Taxes	\$ 17,000	\$ 33,058	\$ 18,000	\$ 35,068	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -	0.00%
1008	Interest on Investment	\$ 130,000	\$ 432,880	\$ 160,000	\$ 464,125	\$ 160,000	\$ 100,000	\$ (60,000)	-37.50%
1009	Tax Lien Cost	\$ 5,625	\$ 9,464	\$ 5,700	\$ 12,215	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,504	\$ 1,004	13.39%
1010	Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 6,500	\$ 10,410	\$ 7,000	\$ 11,823	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0.00%
1011	TIF Revenues	\$ 210,800	\$ 210,800	\$ 107,500	\$ 107,500	\$ 113,500	\$ 92,500	\$ (21,000)	-18.50%
1012	Surplus	\$ 303,000	\$ -	\$ 367,000	\$ -	\$ 425,000	\$ 300,000	\$ (125,000)	-29.41%
1013	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,730	\$ 200	\$ 7,426	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
1014	Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 110,293	\$ 110,293	\$ 109,784	\$ 109,784	\$ 100,664	\$ 100,664	\$ -	0.00%

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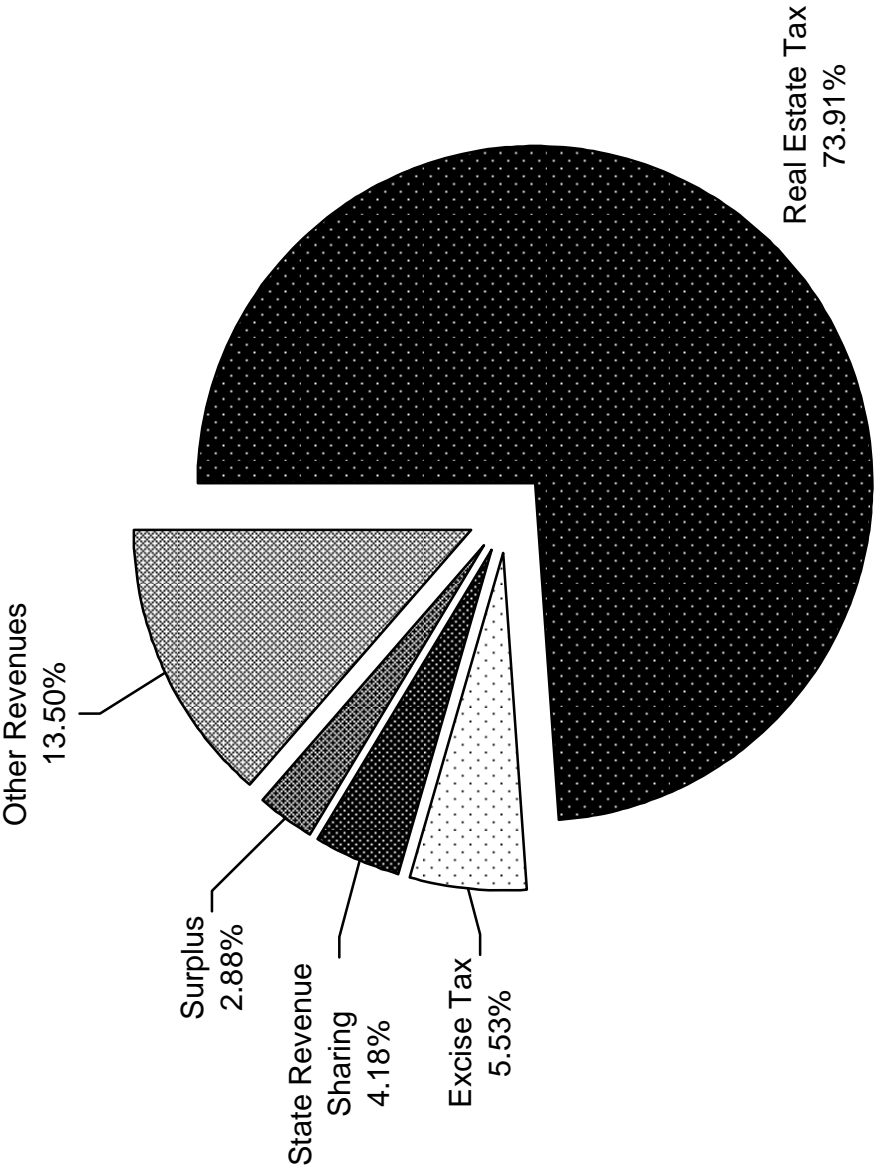
OVERALL BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2009 TO 6-30-2010

Account Number	Account Name	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Budget	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
1016	BETE Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,360	\$ 258,360	\$ -	0.00%
1201	Planning Board Fees	\$ 560	\$ 4,175	\$ 560	\$ 1,868	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
1202	Code Enforcement Fees	\$ 9,000	\$ 12,962	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,539	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	0.00%
1203	Plumbing Inspect. Fees	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,854	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,356	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
1301	General Assistance Reim.	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,343	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,341	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ (1,000)	-20.00%
1302	Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 8,000	\$ 17,531	\$ 9,000	\$ 19,461	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	0.00%
1303	State Revenue Sharing	\$ 445,000	\$ 479,230	\$ 545,000	\$ 494,397	\$ 485,000	\$ 435,000	\$ (50,000)	-10.31%
1304	Veteran Ex. Reimbursement	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,442	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,419	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
2001	Fire Protection Subsidies	\$ 23,293	\$ 23,797	\$ 24,300	\$ 24,809	\$ 25,318	\$ 26,340	\$ 1,022	4.04%
2002	Ambulance User Fees	\$ 145,000	\$ 375,348	\$ 157,500	\$ 349,394	\$ 183,030	\$ 189,030	\$ 6,000	3.28%
2003	Ambulance Subsidies	\$ 24,939	\$ 25,495	\$ 26,048	\$ 29,162	\$ 32,273	\$ 36,945	\$ 4,672	14.48%
2004	Non Receipting Collection Rev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,075	\$ -	\$ 98,075	\$ 98,075	\$ -	0.00%
2005	Miscellaneous Fire Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,054	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
2201	Police Revenues	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,124	\$ 1,800	\$ 9,986	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
2203	Animal Control Fees	\$ 750	\$ 895	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,523	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 300	17.65%
2401	Dispatch Subsidies	\$ 9,651	\$ 10,592	\$ 11,532	\$ 11,706	\$ 11,880	\$ 11,600	\$ (280)	-2.36%
3001	Highway Dept. Revenues	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,549	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,349	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
3003	Highway Block Grant	\$ 69,464	\$ 73,772	\$ 69,464	\$ 74,908	\$ 69,464	\$ 68,100	\$ (1,364)	-1.96%
4001	Solid Waste Subsidies	\$ 88,645	\$ 69,609	\$ 90,918	\$ 89,972	\$ 86,059	\$ 86,237	\$ 178	0.21%
4002	Recycling Revenues	\$ 14,200	\$ 35,932	\$ 16,200	\$ 44,575	\$ 19,000	\$ 9,500	\$ (9,500)	-50.00%
4003	Solid Waste Fees	\$ 45,000	\$ 59,180	\$ 46,500	\$ 61,542	\$ 46,500	\$ 46,500	\$ -	0.00%
4004	MCR Revenues	\$ 30,000	\$ 46,127	\$ 33,000	\$ 41,278	\$ 37,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 8,000	21.62%
4005	Budgetary Solid Waste Rev.	\$ 62,199	\$ 62,748	\$ 66,253	\$ 66,253	\$ 60,506	\$ 65,932	\$ 5,426	8.97%
4006	Spofford Funds	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
4007	Health Advisory Rev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
6001	Educational Revenues	\$ 6,115,233	\$ 6,202,903	\$ 6,333,685	\$ 6,459,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
6002	Adult Education	\$ 116,700	\$ 176,230	\$ 137,165	\$ 90,437	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
7001	Rec. Subsidies	\$ 7,590	\$ 7,711	\$ 7,820	\$ 7,939	\$ 8,055	\$ 8,297	\$ 242	3.00%
7002	Recreation Department Rev.	\$ 33,744	\$ 30,461	\$ 24,487	\$ 32,448	\$ 27,000	\$ 25,587	\$ (1,413)	-5.23%
7004	Recreation Facility Rent	\$ 8,340	\$ 8,732	\$ 8,550	\$ 7,983	\$ 8,704	\$ 8,922	\$ 218	2.50%
7005	Senior Fitness Activity Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 809	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0.00%
7006	Snowmobile Revenues	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,536	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ -	0.00%
7007	Cable TV Revenues	\$ 27,000	\$ 34,262	\$ 27,000	\$ 35,114	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ -	0.00%
7008	Mooring and Docking Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,075	\$ 3,989	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL BUDGET REV.		\$ 16,513,247	\$ 18,505,626	\$ 17,024,977	\$ 18,604,828	\$ 10,712,269	\$ 10,400,230	\$ (312,039)	-2.91%
Total School Revenues		\$ 6,231,933	\$ 6,379,132	\$ 6,470,850	\$ 6,550,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
Total Municipal Rev.		\$ 2,395,493	\$ 2,980,392	\$ 2,633,366	\$ 2,968,895	\$ 2,955,488	\$ 2,712,993	\$ (242,495)	-8.20%
Total Property Taxes		\$ 7,885,821	\$ 9,146,102	\$ 7,920,761	\$ 9,085,638	\$ 7,756,781	\$ 7,687,237	\$ (69,544)	-0.90%

**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
FY 2010 EXPENDITURES**



TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
FY 2010 Revenues



TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
SEWER OPERATION BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2009 TO 6-30-2010

Account Number	Account Name	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Budget	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
EXPENDITURES:									
01	Regular Salaries	\$ 94,448	\$ 82,870	\$ 92,838	\$ 92,565	\$ 50,097	\$ 51,932	\$ 1,835	3.66%
02	Extra & Overtime	\$ 2,776	\$ 2,662	\$ 3,457	\$ 2,618	\$ 1,342	\$ 2,034	\$ 692	51.56%
22	Operator's Expense	\$ 800	\$ 495	\$ 900	\$ 1,086	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%
25	Employee Benefits	\$ 48,971	\$ 49,076	\$ 54,957	\$ 54,739	\$ 15,774	\$ 18,359	\$ 2,585	16.39%
31	Office Supplies	\$ 1,600	\$ 226	\$ 1,600	\$ 853	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -	0.00%
32	Software Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ 525	n/a
33	Postage	\$ 2,058	\$ 1,861	\$ 2,098	\$ 1,977	\$ 2,098	\$ 2,864	\$ 766	36.51%
37	Plant Supplies	\$ 52,300	\$ 48,475	\$ 55,900	\$ 48,486	\$ 60,150	\$ 10,700	\$ (49,450)	-82.21%
39	Plant Chemicals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,997	\$ 56,997	n/a
41	Equipment Purchase	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 430	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
51	Parts and Repair	\$ 20,600	\$ 21,108	\$ 21,500	\$ 20,856	\$ 21,500	\$ 22,600	\$ 1,100	5.12%
61	Telephone	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,724	\$ 2,180	\$ 1,288	\$ 2,640	\$ 3,060	\$ 420	15.91%
71	Fuel Heating	\$ 5,970	\$ 5,261	\$ 5,970	\$ 5,645	\$ 11,774	\$ 6,210	\$ (5,564)	-47.26%
72	Fuel Vehicles	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,891	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,068	\$ 4,157	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,657)	-39.86%
81	Electricity	\$ 30,544	\$ 30,711	\$ 35,844	\$ 31,861	\$ 40,736	\$ 41,100	\$ 364	0.89%
82	Water	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,200	200.00%
85	Insurance	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ -	0.00%
86	Testing Cost	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,660	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,364	\$ 1,860	\$ 2,350	\$ 490	26.34%
87	Sludge Site Cost	\$ 15,400	\$ 8,430	\$ 15,400	\$ 2,188	\$ 15,400	\$ 11,150	\$ (4,250)	-27.60%
89	Interest & Debt Cost	\$ 57,572	\$ 57,608	\$ 113,200	\$ 31,897	\$ 123,100	\$ 122,931	\$ (169)	-0.14%
90	Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 72,100	\$ 2,100	3.00%
92	Audit	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,565	\$ -	0.00%
93	Reserve	\$ -	\$ 40,431	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,610	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)	-50.00%
94	Orland Maintenance	\$ 4,187	\$ 2,425	\$ 4,397	\$ 2,698	\$ 4,397	\$ 4,397	\$ -	0.00%
95	Contingency	\$ 43,494	\$ 581	\$ 11,590	\$ 11,866	\$ 12,831	\$ 10,624	\$ (2,207)	-17.20%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 392,620	\$ 361,995	\$ 445,696	\$ 353,661	\$ 458,521	\$ 459,298	\$ 777	0.17%
REVENUES:									
3510	Users Fees ***	\$ 368,000	\$ 367,844	\$ 415,000	\$ 424,484	\$ 428,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 7,000	1.64%
3515	Interest on Users Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
3520	Entrance Fees	\$ 100	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 97	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
3530	Interest	\$ 4,500	\$ 13,155	\$ 8,000	\$ 52,835	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (6,000)	-66.67%
3540	Verona Subsidies	\$ 5,446	\$ 13,582	\$ 6,920	\$ 13,669	\$ 6,454	\$ 6,543	\$ 89	1.38%
3550	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 100	\$ 364	\$ 100	\$ 4,033	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
3560	Orland Subsidies	\$ 8,856	\$ 14,377	\$ 9,709	\$ 14,991	\$ 9,367	\$ 9,455	\$ 88	0.94%
3570	Orland Maintenance	\$ 4,187	\$ 4,233	\$ 4,397	\$ 3,968	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,600	\$ (400)	-10.00%
3580	Verona Maintenance	\$ 1,431	\$ 2,275	\$ 1,470	\$ 2,373	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 392,620	\$ 415,920	\$ 445,696	\$ 516,451	\$ 458,521	\$ 459,298	\$ 777	0.17%

*** Proposed User Rate to increase from \$3.37 per 100 cubic feet (\$56.70) to \$3.43 or to \$61.74 per quarter.

**TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009**

APRIL 1, 2009 TAXABLE VALUATION

Land and Buildings	\$425,287,400
Personal Property	\$269,205,400
Total Taxable Valuation:	\$694,492,800

Bucksport's taxable valuation decreased by \$2,688,700 this year. This decrease was the result of the new exemption program for some business equipment. Forty one million, two hundred sixty-two thousand, two hundred dollars (\$41,262,200.00) worth of personal property was exempt from taxation this year. The state will only reimburse the lost tax revenue at 90% this year. Unfortunately, the state reimbursement percentage on exempt personal property will continue to decline ten percent per year until it reaches 70%. Barring something unforeseen, an alternate reimbursement plan will kick in and prevent losing an even larger percent. The alternate reimbursement feature was added to the law to protect communities like Bucksport that get a large portion of their taxes from personal property.

Two hundred and four acres of land was removed from the **Tree Growth Tax Program** this year, resulting in penalties of \$25,020.00. Six thousand, two hundred and seventy acres are registered in the Tree Growth Program.

Eleven hundred and eighty-two of our taxpayers receive a **Homestead Exemption**. This exemption reduces the taxable valuation of the homestead by \$13,000. The exemption is available to all residents who have owned a homestead property in Maine that has been their principal residence for at least a year as of April first. This exemption is only available as long as the home remains the principal residence of the taxpayer. Funding for this program is split between the state and the town. One hundred and sixty-eight of our veterans, or their widows, receive **Veteran's Exemptions** and two residents receive **Blind Exemptions**. Please see the Tax Assessor if you have questions on any of these exemptions

The State **Property Tax and Rent Refund Program**, known as the "**Circuit Breaker**" program, provides tax refunds for qualifying residents with up to \$81,850.00 in household income. The tax on your home must be more than 4% of your 2008 household income to qualify, unless you meet the low income senior income limits of \$13,900.00 for one person or \$17,200.00 for those living with a spouse or dependent. Information on the program and forms are available at: www.maine.gov/revenue/forms. The deadline for filing for a refund for 2008 is May 31, 2010.

The **Veteran's Tax Exemption** is now available to Veterans who served on active duty for more than one hundred and eighty days, any part of which occurred after February 27, 1961 and before May 8, 1975, unless the veteran died in service or was discharged for service-connected disability after that date. The Persian Gulf War is also now recognized as a Federally Recognized War Period, beginning on or after August 2, 1990. A veteran must be a resident of Bucksport who has reached the age of sixty-two to qualify unless he is receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability.

I would like to thank Mr. Raymond, the Town Council, the town employees and the citizens of Bucksport for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Oliver, Tax Assessor

TOWN CLERK ANNUAL REPORT 2008 – 2009

The Town Clerk's Office has had another busy and successful year and publicly wishes to thank the office staff for their time, dedication and cooperation.

As you already know, you can purchase all State of Maine game and recreational licenses online through MOSES. However, I continue to urge any and all snowmobile licenses be purchased at our office, as the Town donates all funds from snowmobile registrations to the Snowmobile Club. If you purchase them online through the MOSES system, the Town does not receive the credit.

Four elections were conducted this past fiscal year. The General, Referendum and Municipal Elections were held in November. A total of three elections were held for the newly formed Regional School Unit #25, one in January, April and June. The elections were all administered without any problems, and I sincerely extend my appreciation to all the election staff for their time and hard work.

During this past year, I have continued my involvement with the Clerks' Association. I am Co-President of the Hancock County Clerks Association, a member of the Maine City and Town Clerks Association and a member of the New England City and Town Clerks Association.

In addition to overseeing elections and maintaining all town records, the Office of Town Clerk processed and/or issued various game and business licenses, vital statistics and numerous inquiries for information. Also, I want to publicly thank Geraldine Spooner at Buck Memorial Library and Patricia Adam, genealogist, for extending their expertise with genealogy research.

All dogs six months or older are required to be licensed by January 31st of each year to avoid late charges and penalties. Dog licenses are available each year after October 15th.

The following is a statistical report of various transactions processed this past year:

Licenses Issued:

Dog Licenses	513	Kennel Licenses	4
Snowmobiles	242	ATV's	230
Boats	354	Lake/River Stickers	359
Fishing Licenses	367	Hunting Licenses	305
Combination Hunting/Fishing Licenses	331	Jr. Hunting Licenses	42
Archery Hunting Licenses	59		

Certified Vital Records:

Death Records	210	Marriage Records	110
Birth Records	308		

Vital Records Recorded:

Burial Permits	117	Death Records	58
Birth Records	44	Marriage Records	46
Marriage Intentions	43		

Miscellaneous Records Recorded:

Business Licenses	27	Miscellaneous Licenses	23
New Business Recordings	8	Oaths Recorded	60

The financial status of the Clerk's Office at the end of the fiscal year is reflected by the audit statements included in the annual report.

As we move forward into another fiscal year, I have been continuously working on the clerk's part of the Town of Bucksport Website, and encourage any and all citizens input as I make additions or improvements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 469-7368 or stop by the town office at any time.

Many thanks are extended to Roger Raymond, Town Manager, the Town Council, Department Heads, Deputy Clerk, Jacquelynn Hunt, Office Staff, and all town employees for their cooperation and assistance and to the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy L. Downes
Town Clerk

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 01, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009**

ISSUED PERMITS-

BUILDING/LAND USE:	137 TOTAL
DWELLINGS:	10
MOBILE HOMES:	10
OUTBUILDINGS:	38
DECKS/PORCHES:	17
RENOVATIONS:	12
ADDITIONS	14
COMMERCIAL USES:	12
BUSINESS SIGNS:	08
HOME OCCUPATIONS:	04
SWIMMING POOLS:	01
MISCELLANEOUS:	11

PLUMBING:	68 TOTAL
SEPTIC SYSTEMS:	23
INTERNAL PLUMBING:	45
FLOOD HAZARD:	03

PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITY-

SITE PLAN REVIEW:	05
SHORELAND REVIEW:	03
SUBDIVISION REVIEW:	02

BOARD OF APPEALS ACTIVITY-

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS:	2
VARIANCE APPEALS:	2

Planning Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Board of Appeal meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm (when there is business to conduct). The public is welcome.

UPDATE ON LAND USE ORDINANCE REVISION

Work by the ordinance committee on major zoning ordinance and map revisions neared completion at the end of the fiscal year. It is expected that the new land use ordinance will be submitted to the town council for their review in the fall of 2009.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

A permit could be required if you are planning to build, install, renovate, relocate or expand a structure; install or relocate a mobile home; install plumbing fixtures or piping; install, modify or repair a septic system or a public sewer connection; excavate in a public street; install or change a driveway entrance; start or expand a business; install or change a business advertising sign; subdivide property or develop property in a shoreland or flood zone.

If your planned project includes any of the above activities, please contact the Code Enforcement Office for further information.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

Inspections are generally required for any property improvement, including new construction and the installation of plumbing and septic systems. The town does not require electrical inspections, but work done by a homeowner must be checked by a licensed electrician. Life Safety Code compliance inspections are conducted for residential and commercial buildings. The inspection includes checks for fire protection features such as smoke alarms and escape routes. Please call the CEO for an appointment.

E-9-1-1 ADDRESSING

Property owners are strongly encouraged to identify their homes and businesses with the correct street address. Numbers have been assigned by the town to every building in accordance with a system designed to enable emergency responders to quickly find the location of a 9-1-1 caller. This system cannot work if properties are not properly identified with their correct street address. If you are uncertain about the address of your property or how to display the number, call the town office.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey C. Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer

PUBLIC & PRIVATE STREET NAMES IN THE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT

PUBLIC STREETS ARE IDENTIFIED IN BOLD

Names identified with an asterisk are streets in neighboring towns.

Short sections of these streets provide access to properties located in Bucksport.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Acorn Alley | 45. Drakes Lane | 96. Mast Hill Road | 145. Shore Drive |
| 2. Allison Lane | 46. Dresser Road | 97. McDonald Alley | 146. Silver Lake Road |
| 3. Ames Way | 47. Duck Cove Road | Lane | 147. Silver Street |
| 4. Appalachian Trail | 48. Duddy Hollow | 98. McDonald Street | 148. Small Drive |
| 5. Archer Way | 49. Eagle Lane | 99. McGill Road | 149. Smith Drive |
| 6. Arrow Drive | 50. Edison Drive | 100. McKinnon Road | 150. South Road* |
| 7. Aspen Lane | 51. Edgewater Lane | 101. Mechanic Street | 151. Spofford Avenue |
| 8. Atherton Way | 52. Elm Street | 102. Mercer Lane | 152. Spring Street |
| 9. Atwood Lane | 53. Evangel Way | 103. Mianika Lane | 153. Spruce Street |
| 10. Bagley Avenue | 54. Evergreen Drive | 104. Middle Street | 154. State Route 46 |
| 11. Bald Mountain Road | 55. Faratcherelli Lane | 105. Miles Lane | 155. Stone House Road |
| 12. Barbour Drive | 56. Federal Street | 106. Mill Street | 156. Strickland Ridge |
| 13. Bartley Lane | 57. First Street | 107. Millvale Road | Road |
| 14. Bayview Avenue | 58. Flanders Way | 108. Moosehorn Drive | 157. Summer Street |
| 15. Beech Lane | 59. Forest Hill | 109. Morrison Road | 158. Third Street |
| 16. Berry Road | 60. Forsythe Avenue | 110. Moulton Pond | 159. Thomas Street |
| 17. Betts Road* | 61. Foss Farm Drive | Road | 160. Thurston Pond |
| 18. Bluff Road | 62. Franklin Street | 111. Mountain Side | Road |
| 19. Booth Drive | 63. Gifford Lane | Lane | 161. Tingley Drive |
| 20. Braun Place | 64. Grant Lane | 112. Mt. Olive Heights | 162. Town Farm Road |
| 21. Bridge Street | 65. Green Road | 113. Mt. View Lane | 163. Transfer Station |
| 22. Broadway | 66. Gross Point Road* | 114. Mylen Drive | Road |
| 23. Brookview Drive | 67. Hancock Pond Road | 115. Nason Hollow | 164. Tuffs Road |
| 24. Buck Street | 68. Harriman Cove | 116. Nicholson Avenue | 165. Turkey Path |
| 25. Buckley Lane | Road | 117. Noel Way | 166. Twin Oaks Lane |
| 26. Bucksmills Road | 69. Henderson Road | 118. Oak Street | 167. Upper Long Pond Road |
| 27. Bullfrog Way | 70. Heritage Park Road | 119. Old Winter Road | 168. US Route 1 |
| 28. Bunker Hill | 71. Hero's Brook Lane | 120. Orcutt Mountain | 169. Violette Way |
| 29. Catspaw Lane | 72. Hill Side Drive | Road | 170. Ward Drive |
| 30. Cedar Street | 73. Hinks Street | 121. Park Street | 171. Waterside Road |
| 31. Central Street | 74. Hog Heaven Lane | 122. Pasture Pine Road | 172. Wenbelle Drive |
| 32. Charles Lane | 75. Hollow Lane | 123. Patriots Drive | 173. Whitetail Ridge |
| 33. Church Road | 76. Holmes Drive | 124. Peaceful Valley | 174. Wickett Farm Road |
| 34. Cole Road | 77. Horseback Way | 125. Pelletier Lane | 175. Wights Lane |
| 35. Coleman Lane | 78. Hunk Sawyer Road | 126. Perry's Landing | 176. Wilderness Way |
| 36. Conners Road | 79. Hurd Hill | 127. Pine Street | 177. Williams Pond Road |
| 37. Corey Path | 80. Island View Road | 128. Pond Street | 178. Willins Orchard Road |
| 38. Cotton Hill Road | 81. Jacob Buck Pond Road | 129. Poverty Ridge Road | 179. Willis Road |
| 39. County Lane | 82. Kenney Drive | 130. Power Line Road | 180. Woodland Heights |
| 40. Cross Road | 83. Kimball Drive | 131. Race Course Road | |
| 41. CW Lane | 84. Kindred Spirit Way | 132. Red Rock Road | |
| 42. Dalton Lane | 85. Lakeside Drive | 133. Ridge Road | |
| 43. Deer Run | 86. Lakeview Heights | 134. River Road | |
| 44. Donovan Road | 87. Leach Street | 135. Robin Hood Circle | |
| | 88. Ledgewood Drive | 136. Rosen's Lane | |
| | 89. Lee Street | 137. Ross Lane | |
| | 90. Lew Gray Drive | 138. Russell Hill Road | |
| | 91. Little Brook Lane | 139. S & L Way | |
| | 92. Loon Landing | 140. School Street | |
| | 93. Main Street | 141. Scott's Lane | |
| | 94. Marion Lane | 142. Second Street | |
| | 95. Marsh Road | 143. Seekins Street | |
| | | 144. Seminary Road | |

BUCKSPORT OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

During any downturn in the economy, it is the previous planning that a community commits to that will carry the town through the tough days. The past year has certainly been an economic downturn throughout the entire world and Bucksport has not escaped the grasp of tough times. But the hours and hours of late night meetings by dozens of volunteers as well as the quality leadership from the Bucksport Town Council and the Town Manager are paying off as the economy begins its upward journey. With high quality roads, utility infrastructure and public safety services, dedicated municipal and school employees, and a business friendly attitude that is attracting attention worldwide, the Town of Bucksport has positioned itself to provide a high quality of life and a high quality of place that has enabled many new residents to have chosen Bucksport from anywhere else in the world to call home.

The Bucksport Economic Development Committee (BEDC) continued its work on the Downtown Redevelopment Plan (DRP) and the Economic Development Strategy (EDS) that were adopted by the Town Council in previous years. The BEDC is made up of individuals who have been appointed by the Bucksport Town Council to help develop the strategies necessary to ensure the success of the stated mission. This year's members are:

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| ★ Lisa Whitney, Chair | ★ Cathy Hamburger | ★ Butch Osborne |
| ★ Joel Wardwell | ★ Maureen Harris, | ★ John Wardwell |
| ★ Mike Ormsby | Chamber Rep | ★ Dave Gelinas |
| ★ Linda Plourde | ★ Belle Ryder | ★ Melanie Findlay |

Several large projects were undertaken this past year. Municipal Investment Trust Fund (MITF) monies were used to acquire a private property at 8 Central Street. This multi-family building was removed and replaced with a public parking lot to support business development in the downtown district as identified in the DRP. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was acquired through the Community Enterprise Grant Program (CEGP) for several waterfront and Main Street projects that had been prioritized in the DRP and EDS. With a new granite bordered pond located at Peary's Landing; highlighted with a fountain and cedar waterwheel, a whole new perspective of the waterfront walkway was developed. Along with an extension of the walkway under the Rte One bridge and enhancements to the recently constructed CSO building such as a cupola fitted with a lighted clock, information kiosk and public restrooms, we have been successful in developing a reason for travelers on US Rte One to make the left turn off the bridge and experience all of the fabulous offerings the citizens of Bucksport have the pleasure of visiting each and every day. With all of the enhancements along Bucksport's waterfront, it is no surprise that we are tied for third as the most visited port in Maine by cruise ships.

The Bucksport Economic Development Office oversees a Micro-Loan Program. This program provides funding opportunities for businesses that need nontraditional funding and who provides jobs within the Town of Bucksport. In addition, we have contacts throughout the financial industry to assist businesses find the right kind of funding that best fits their needs. Any entrepreneur that is looking for the right program for them should contact the Economic Development Office at 469-7368 or info@bucksport.biz

The Town of Bucksport has certainly led other communities by example when it comes to marketing the town and attracting visitors to our top quality businesses. Whether it is financing the annual Bay Festival, creating a gas card discount program, developing quality brochures to be distributed through the state's visitors centers, financing year round television commercials or simply providing FREE LAND in the Buckstown Heritage Park, The Town has been able to leverage Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) funds to benefit the entire business climate in the community.

I would like to thank the Bucksport Town Council, Town Manager, BEDC members, all of the high quality town employees, and the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Milan
Economic Development Director

Bucksport Fire & Ambulance 2008-2009 Annual Report

The Bucksport Fire Department and Rescue Services have completed what we consider to be another successful year. In an ever-changing and turbulent world, we have continued to provide top of the line services while maintaining or even reducing costs, which has been extremely important through these tough economic times. We attempt to be proactive in our training, inspections and education programs and our department remains successful in our grant acquisitions. We have met most of our goals and have reached several milestones, all while handling over one thousand calls for service annually. Our crews have carried on our tradition of performing well in the face of adversity!

Due to the vigilance of our members that present the safety programs, we continue to see a decrease in not only the numbers of fires we respond to, but the seriousness of those calls has appeared to decrease as well. Because of these same efforts, the Town of Bucksport was recently designated by the State of Maine as a "Heart Safe Community". This award is the culmination of the many hours of work performed by our members in the community and is based on the training levels of local EMS, public awareness and access to defibrillators placed in public facilities throughout the area. Bucksport is one of the smallest communities in the state to have earned this recognition.

Bucksport Fire & EMS were also the recipients of the "Down East Maine Emergency Call of the Year" for our response and handling of the accident last year which involved one of our own members that occurred when his vehicle was struck head-on by an out of control vehicle. Numerous agencies worked cohesively in response to this tragic scene and were successful in removing and transporting the victim to the hospital, ultimately resulting in the saving of his life and limbs!

In that regard however, Lance Sanborn was unable to return to this line of work and was required to take a disability retirement. He is doing well and is currently working on a career change and we wish him and his family well in their future endeavors. On that note, it is with pleasure that we announce the hiring of John Gavelek of Orland to fill the full time slot that had been held by Lance for several years. John has just successfully completed his Paramedic Course and will be fully certified and licensed by September. Congratulations John, and welcome aboard!

A "state of the art" Ventilation System that was awarded to Bucksport Fire Department through the 2007 FEMA Grant Program was installed at the fire station during this past winter and has greatly improved the air quality of our facility. This should improve the health & safety of our workers as well as enhance our ability to maintain a clean and presentable station. We had excess funding from this grant and we received permission to utilize those funds for turnout gear as well as for our education and prevention programs. We acquired a computer, software, an animated "Sparky" costume and other electronics with these funds.

We also have been awarded monies through the 2008 FEMA program to be used for the purchase of EMS gear and equipment. These grants, along with others from MEMA, Maine Municipal, Maine Forest Service and others have provided us with nearly \$200,000 of equipment in the last couple of years, which has allowed us to maintain our progressive stance in the Fire & Rescue field.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved with our success. First and foremost, the Fire Fighters and EMT's from Bucksport and our surrounding communities that train hard, work harder and whose selfless acts allow our citizens to enjoy the quality of life that they have come to expect! Our gratitude is also extended to their families, the auxiliary members and to the other Town employees, as well as to the Citizens, Town Councilors and the Town Manager; your continued support does not go unrecognized and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Craig Bowden
Director of Emergency Services

BUCKSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

TYPE OF CALLS	2007-2008	2008-2009
Structure Fires	15	21
Chimney Fires	3	7
Vehicle Fires	5	10
Excessive Heat/Explosion	1	3
Grass/Woods Fires	12	6
Trash or Illegal Burning	6	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	24	16
Search and Rescue	11	8
Fuel/Chemical Spill	8	4
Power Lines	6	5
Electrical Hazards	13	1
Service	7	5
Permit Checks	4	4
Good Intent	4	11
False Alarm	19	16
Total Fire Calls	138	123

Aid to Other Towns	2007-2008	2008-2009
Verona	4	4
Orrington	6	2
Orland	4	6
Other	2	1

Aid From Other Towns	2007-2008	2008-2009
Orland	13	8
Orrington	3	2
Other	1	0

Inspections	2007-2008	2008-2009
Businesses	55	60
Dwellings	14	15
Chimney/Solid Fuel Installations	18	24
Total	87	99

BUCKSPORT FIRE AND AMBULANCE STAFF

Chief Craig Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Full Time	Nancy Ginn	FF/EMT-B
Asst. Chief Michael Denning	FF/EMT-I	Full Time	Dorance Gray	FF/EMT-I
Asst. EMS Dir. Chris Connor	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Capt. Terry Grindle	Firefighter
Pam Payson	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Robert Gross	FF/EMT-B
John Gavelek	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Lesla Gross	EMT-I
Gene Bass	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Dan Joy	Fire Police
Steve Bishop	Firefighter		Trevor Kennedy	FF/EMT-I
Jared Bowden	FF/EMT-I	Reserve	Ryan Knight	Firefighter
Jamie Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Jeremy LeClair	FF/EMT-B
Mark Bowden	Firefighter		Tim Levesque	Fire Police
Lt. Richard Bowden	Firefighter		Liz McCann	EMT-B
Capt. Steve Bowden	Firefighter		Ryan McGuire	Firefighter
Shane Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Ray Monreal	FF/EMT-B
Larry Chambers	Firefighter		Sam Payson	Firefighter
Barb Cote	Fire Police		Lance Sanborn	FF/EMT-P
Jeff Davis	FF/EMT-B		Russ Saunders	Firefighter
Capt. Dave Denis	Firefighter		Mike Sealy	FF/EMT-I
Lisa Drake	FF/EMT-B		Nicole Sealy	EMT-I
Jay Durost	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Mike Swazey	Firefighter
Jim Fleming	FF/EMT-P	Reserve		

BUCKSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE STATISTICS

Provider Impression	2007-2008	2008-2009
Abdominal Pain/Problems	26	41
Allergic Reaction	4	13
Altered Level of Consciousness	4	12
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	15	19
Behavioral/Psychiatric Disorder	23	33
Cardiac Arrest	4	6
Chest Pain/Discomfort	61	48
CHF (Congestive Heart Failure)	10	9
Dehydration	5	7
Diabetic Symptoms	18	17
Electrocution	1	0
Epistaxis (Non-Traumatic)	6	5
Fever	8	2
General Malaise	6	2
Headache	5	9
Heat Exhaustion/Stroke	1	0
Hypothermia	1	3
Inhalation Injury (Toxic Gas)	3	0
No Apparent Illness/Injury	44	40
Obvious Death	2	9
Other Abdominal/GI Problem	32	35
Other Cardiovascular Problem	33	35
Other CNS Problem	3	0
Other GU Problems	5	10
Other Illness/Injury	142	109
Pain	36	34
Patient Assist Only	5	44
Poisoning/Drug Ingestion	6	10
Pregnancy/OB Delivery	2	1
Respiratory Distress	43	55
Seizure	20	15
Stroke/CVA	23	23
Substance/Drug Abuse	3	11
Syncope/Fainting	14	25
Traumatic Injury	121	140
Unconscious	5	2
Weakness	24	34
Total	764	858

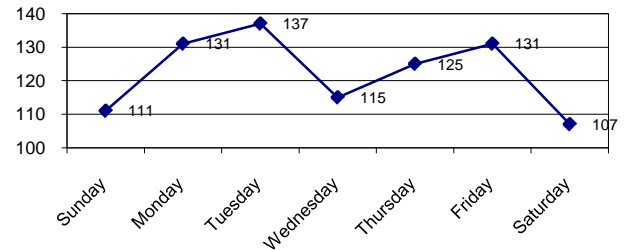
Response Disposition	2007-2008	2008-2009
Cancelled	7	7
Dead at Scene	3	11
Patient Refused Care	22	25
Standby Only	3	5
Treated and Released	126	185
Treated, Transferred Care	4	6
Treated, Transported by EMS	599	619
Total	764	858

Response By Unit	2007-2008	2008-2009
Ambulance 1	616	701
Ambulance 2	140	147
Rescue 1	8	10
Total	764	858

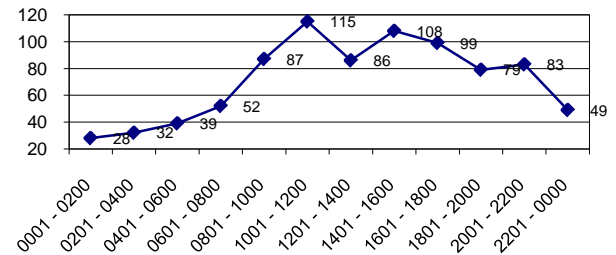
Town	# of Runs
Bucksport	670
Orland	141
Verona	36
Other	11
Total	858

Destination	# of Runs
EMMC	405
St. Joseph	94
BHMH	39
MCMH	51
WCGH	11
Other	3
No Transport	255
Total	858

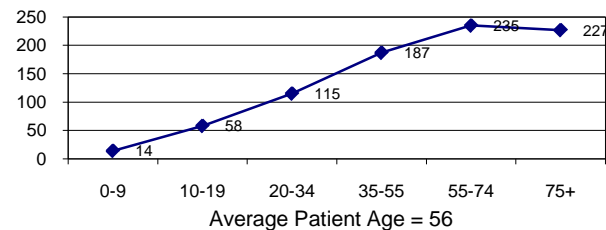
Calls By Day of Week



Calls By Hour of Day

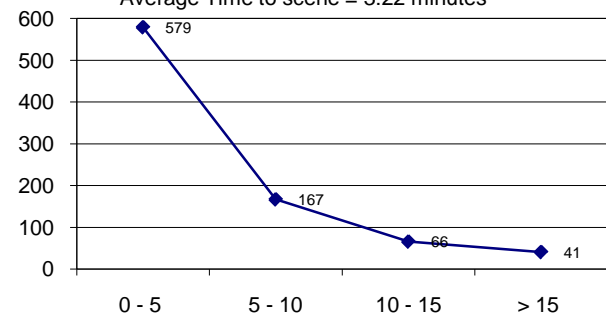


Patient Age



Average Response Times

Average time enroute = 2:07 minutes
Average Time to scene = 3:22 minutes



**BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Police Chief- Sean P. Geagan

Detective/ Sergeant- David E. Winchester

Patrol

Robbie Findlay
Ryan Knight
Matthew Cyr
Daniel Harlan
Steven Bishop

Reserve Patrol

Jay Durost
James Morrill
Chris Woodman
Ryan Welch
Lance Sanborn

Animal Control Officer

Daniel Joy

The summer of 2009 brought with it major changes and the end of an era for public safety in the Town of Bucksport. Douglas E. Gray retired after 34 years of service with the town as a patrol officer and police chief. We would like to thank Doug for all he has done for the town of Bucksport and its citizens as well as for the employees of the department over the last 34 years. We sincerely wish him and his wife the best during their retirement.

As a result of Chief Gray's retirement, I was appointed as police chief after having been with the department for over 20 years serving as detective/sergeant for eight years. This led to the promotion of David Winchester as the new detective/sergeant and Steve Bishop as the new full-time patrol officer. The department is back to being fully staffed after almost two years of absences.

I have established the goals for the department and communicated them to the Town Manager. Expectations have been reviewed in depth with each department member. This process, along with the guidelines and policies currently in place, should set a sound structure for the department to continue to keep the citizens of Bucksport safe.

We continue to be proactive and work outside of law enforcement to serve the community in as many ways as possible. All of our full-time patrol officers are involved in volunteering in the community in one way or another including participating with Special Olympics, local team sports, elder abuse prevention, DARE, educational programs at all schools, and with the child identification and gun lock programs. A recent example of an employee's participation in the community is Officer, Ryan Knight who is volunteering at the high school as their assistant golf coach.

I would like to encourage all citizens of the town to call or stop in at the police station at any time of need or just to chat about things in general. We need to work together to achieve the ultimate goal of public safety for the Town of Bucksport.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sean P. Geagan, Chief of Police**

Bucksport Police Department

Incidents by type (partial list) 2008-2009

Incident	Total	Incident	Total
Robbery	0	Obscene phone calls	1
Assault	29	Accidental or unattended death	6
Burglary	23	Civil matters	64
Theft	62	Criminal trespass/unwanted guest	78
Auto Theft	3	Suicide (actual or attempted)	9
Arson	4	ATL-BOLO (attempt to locate)	83
Forgery & Counterfeiting	4	Littering	9
Fraud (Bad checks etc.)	8	Land use violation	1
Vandalism	4	Juvenile runaway	3
Sex Offenses (other)	11	Motor vehicle misdemeanors	35
Drugs	16	Motor vehicle infractions	92
Liquor Laws	14	Motor vehicle permits	47
Drunkenness	5	Motor vehicle defects	374
Disorderly Conduct	6	Motor vehicle law violations	182
Suspicious Person	60	Parking tickets issued	62
Suspicious Vehicle	44	Warnings (criminal)	15
Suspicious Conditions	133	Warnings (traffic)	1104
Hazardous Conditions	171	Miscellaneous	14
Family Quarrels	60	Probation violation	6
Open doors or windows	27	Street light out report	19
Warrant (arrest & information)	58	Checking for weight violations	1
Harassment	48	Administrative special detail	8
Threats	27	Tobacco product violation	5
Disabled motor vehicles	49	Abandoned 911 call	272
Information	382	Concealed fire arms permit	64
Well being check	91	Parking violation complaint	34
Patrol Checks	39	Passing a stopped school bus	13
Summons (Radar)	119	Violation of Bail	24
Accidents (all types)	232	Violation of protection order	13
Lost and Found	111	OUI complaints received	18
Assist (fire and ambulance)	70	OUI charges	11
Assist (Law Enforcement Agency)	219	Accident non reportable deer	19
Assist (motorist)	7	Mentally disturbed person	3
Assist (other)	213	Neighbor Quarrels	32
Escort	19	Harassment by telephone	71
Building check	32	Abandoned MV	6
Disturbance	133		
Alarm response business (all types)	52		
Alarm response home (all types)	7		
Alarm response bank (all types)	10		
Alarm response school (all types)	4		
Missing person search	5		
Animal complaint (dog)	200		
Animal complaint (other)	94		
Animal complaint (Cat)	103		
Domestic Assault	20		
		Total Incidents	6018
		Actual types of Contact:	
		Arrest	118
		Summons	528
		Traffic Warnings	1929
		Criminal Warnings	478
		M/V Defects	541
		M/V Accidents	251

**BUCKSPORT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS
2008-2009 YEAR END REPORT**

Dispatch Supervisor- Sean P. Geagan

Full-time Dispatchers

Daniel Joy
Barbara Cote
Robert Meacham
Michelle Clement

Part-time Dispatchers

Jamie Bowden
Lucas Graychase

The summer of 2009 brought with it major changes in the public safety communications center. Byron Vinton retired as the supervisor after 32 years. The Bucksport Police Department would like to thank Byron for his endless hours of dedication to the department. We wish both him and his wife a happy retirement.

I have taken has taken over the supervisory role for the communication center in conjunction with my duties as police chief. The employee's are very dedicated and hold one of the biggest responsibilities one could hold. The communications center continues to be open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and to be the lifeline of this town.

During the past year, the Bucksport Public Safety Communications Center handled more than 42,363 instances of communication. These were in the form of telephone calls, radio transmissions and walk-ins.

Police	Telephone	# 12655	Fire	Telephone	# 4220
	Radio	# 10785		Radio	# 6822
	In Person	# 3540		In Person	# 1660
Other Depts.	Telephone	# 628			
	Radio	# 416			
	In Person	# 1660			

Included in these numbers are contacts from the following departments:

Highway	# 229	Verona	# 424
Orland	# 2341	Waste Water	# 141

The communications center issued 1,218 fire permits for the Bucksport Fire Department this past year and continues to deal with various service requests from other law enforcement departments around the state.

The personnel in the department have a new look; they have gone to an embroidered polo type shirt. We have also added a new dispatcher to the staff. Michelle Clement was hired as a full-time dispatcher to fill the vacancy that was left by Byron's retirement and Lucas Graychase was hired as a reserve dispatcher. All of the communications people have been assigned new responsibilities above those that they are required to fulfill.

I would like to remind the citizens of the towns of Bucksport, Verona and Orland that the communications center is "**your**" center and is ready to assist you at anytime we are needed for any emergency needs.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sean P. Geagan, Chief of Police**

Bucksport Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report 2008-2009

The Bucksport Recreation Department had another successful year due to the many individuals who volunteered their time to the area youth.

Challenging Choices, offers both after school and summer programs for youth in grades 5th-12th. Surveys completed by the youth help to determine the programs that are offered. Youth learn many things from Challenging Choices such as; unleashing creativity, new ways to effectively communicate, the importance of teamwork, ways to engage in healthy recreational options, to being accountable for individual behavior whether positive or negative, positive role modeling, and, increased socialization.

Some activities that Challenging Choices has offered are: Arts & Crafts, Scrap-booking, Lego Robotics, Yoga, Sewing, Chinese Cooking, Glass Fusing, Fencing, Cooking, Guitar, Gardening, Rape Aggression Defense, Red Cross Babysitting, Stress Reduction, Leadership, Woodworking, Jewelry Making, and exercise times with Volleyball, badminton, Nintendo Wii, Dodge Ball and basketball.

The Bucksport Parks & Recreation Department (BYDP) continues to sponsor the Bucksport Youth Diversion Program in collaboration with Bucksport Police Department, Hancock County District Attorney, Maine Juvenile Community Corrections Department and Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition. The program is part of the new and innovative "Diversion to Assets" program working with Communities for Children and Youth, and the Maine Department of Corrections. Funding is made possible by a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Diversion program provides a second chance for youth under the age of 21 who are summonsed for a first time alcohol, marijuana, tobacco or some misdemeanor offenses. From July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009, 24 youth were referred to the program. Of these 24 youth, five were not eligible due to prior offenses. Five youth chose not to enroll in the program. 14 youth enrolled in BYDP with 13 completing and one being terminated.

Some of the many programs offered by the Recreation Department are: Football for grades 3-6, Basketball for grades Kindergarten -8th, Soccer for grades 1-6, Baseball for ages 5-16, Volleyball for ages 12 through adult, Softball ages 9-18, Swim lessons for ages 3 and older, Ice skating, Dance classes for ages 3 and up, Yoga, Cheerleading for ages 4 -12, Field Trips, Dances, Tour du Lac Road Race, and the Water Carnival.

Maintenance and capital improvement projects have played a very important role in the Parks and Recreation program. Gene Weston did a superb job of resealing the pool. Because of his dedication and precise work, very little water was lost compared to previous years. Gene is a wonderful asset to the town.

Many thanks are extended to Roger Raymond and the Town Council for their continued support in maintaining the many recreational areas we have in the community. I would like to thank Ron Gross, Norman Fitzgerald, Suze Fitzgerald, Gene Weston, Barb Ames, Chris Remick, Jeff Snowman, Chris Allen, Kim Alley, Myrtle Pendleton, Mary Jane Bush, Duane Nadeau, the Swimming Pool Staff, Town Employees, the Bucksport School Department, and all of the many community volunteers for their hard work and involvement in the many recreational activities we have in Bucksport. A special thanks to Suze' Fitzgerald for the outstanding job she does at the Jewett Community Center. Visitors comment about how sparkling clean the building is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Emery
Director of Parks and Recreation

BUCKSPORT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

During fiscal year 2008-2009, the Public Works Department tackled a wide range of projects. The construction season opened with the reconstruction of the Jewett School/Town swimming pool parking lot. 1500 feet of Silver Lake Road, 1000 feet of Spruce Street, the entire length of Forsythe Avenue, and all of Buckley Lane were rebuilt with new culverts, roadway base gravel, and new roadway surface asphalt pavement installed. The department then reconstructed 3600 feet of Russell Hill Road which included the removal of 200 cubic yards of exposed rock ledge prior to the placing of 500 tons of new pavement. In the spring to 2009, one and one quarter mile of Millvale Road was rehabilitated. The existing pavement was reclaimed. 3000 cubic yards of base gravel installed and the roadway's incorrect surface crown reshaped. The finished project eliminated several areas with a long history of vehicle accidents. The department expanded its expertise when it undertook the replacement of the existing bridge spanning Moosehorn Stream. With contract help, a new 33 feet corrugated steel plate arch bridge was assembled. Stone Rip-rap filled gabion headwalls installed. The new bridge widened the roadway surface from 12 feet to 25 feet thus solving another traffic safety concern.

The 2008-2009 snow removal season's first event occurred on November 22, 2008 with the last response happening on March 7, 2009. During this period, the department worked a total of 26 events. In order to deal with the snowfall, 1,145 tons of road salt and 8073 cubic yards of ice control sand were purchased. During the 2007-2008 snow season, the department bought 1455 tons of salt and 9075 cubic yards of winter sand.

The Public Works Department further enhanced the Town's recreation facilities during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. A new athletics fields combination restroom and snack bar located off of Miles Lane required the department to accomplish site preparation by cutting the existing trees and brush, and re-contouring of the site elevations. An additional one half mile of the Miles Lane walking trails were prepared for construction. The new trail was cleared of trees and new sub-base material was placed on a quarter mile of the new path. Work on the waterfront walkway extension continued with department personnel fabricating and installing six lamp post bases. Underground electrical wiring conduit was placed between the lamp bases. A 700 feet cement block retaining wall was constructed along the walkway. The surface of new walkway was filled, leveled and stone rip rap placed on the top of the waterfront slope. In order to improve the accessibility of the Silver Lake Boat Launch walking trails constructed last year, the department salvaged used asphalt pavement and coated the crushed ledge stone base with this recycled asphalt.

As a community service project, department personnel built and installed three large flagpole bases for the future Veterans' Memorial located next to the waterfront walkway facility.

The Bucksport Town Council continued to support the replacement and upgrade of the Department's vehicles and equipment. 2008-2009 saw the purchase of a new twelve cubic yard snowplow with a side dump body. The new truck completes the transition of all the non-compact area snowplows to the large capacity dump bodies. The increased capacity of these trucks provides for quicker responses during snowstorms. The Council replaced a 1989 sidewalk snowplow with a new state of the art model. The older machine had increasingly become a maintenance nightmare.

With the support of the citizens and the Town Council, the Department believes that the Town of Bucksport will continue to set the example for all ours to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane R. Nadeau
Public Works Director

BUCKSPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2008 – JUNE 2009

Over the last fiscal year the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility processed 111,425,000 gallons of wastewater. This flow is a .48% increase over the 2007-2008 fiscal years. The Town of Orland contributed 5,810,050 gallons of wastewater, an increase of .28%. The Town of Verona contributed 4,980,850 gallons of wastewater, and decrease of 6.75% from the last fiscal year.

Precipitation totals are recorded daily at the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. From July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 43.87 inches of rainfall and 73.13 inches of snowfall were recorded as compared to 41.51 inches of rainfall and 99.32 inches of snowfall for last fiscal year. Rainfall and snow melt can contribute significantly to the flow received by the treatment facility as there is still a good amount of inflow and infiltration to the sewer system. Infiltration is groundwater that enters through cracks in the sewer lines and inflow is groundwater or storm water that enters through roof drains and sump pumps. These additional flows pose some challenges to the operation of the treatment facility.

331 cubic yards of sludge was processed during the fiscal year. This is an increase of 16 cubic yards keeping this number fairly constant. The slight increase may be contributed the CSO facility. Our sludge is now being trucked through Soil Preparation and is more cost effective at this time.

With the first full year of operation the New Swirl Concentrator (CSO) Facility on Main Street operated 3 times in September, 1 in October, 2 in November, 1 in December, 3 in April and 2 in June for a total of 12 times. Total flows through the Vortex totaled 4,080,000 gallons of effluent treated wastewater being discharged to the Penobscot River. For the most part this is still a learning process with sample locations and pump speeds playing major rolls in the test results. We are starting to compile enough data to efficiently run this facility.

Our treatment facility is starting to show its age of 20+ years, so this year was concentrated on replacing pumps and going over the entire facility. We started by replacing two water pumps that feed our dewatering press and some outside hose bibs. The sludge pumps that pull sludge from the clarifiers to the sludge holding tank and then in turn from the holding tank to the dewatering press also needed to be replaced, one of which we installed a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) to control the motor speed. This works so well that next year we will install a second VFD on the other pump. The activated carbon needed to be replaced in the aeration system that controls some of the odor from the sludge tank, this system also keeps a constant motion of sludge in the tank to prevent the sludge from turning septic. Three rooms were repainted the dewatering and 2 chemical rooms. The dewatering press was inspected and rebuilt, 2 motors that control the upper and lower belts needed to be replaced, all the sprockets and chains were replaced, a new air compressor was installed, all of the air pistons were cleaned and minor repairs made to each, and a new roll was installed. We then looked at our chemical feed process and made some changes that will save on consumption and cost to operate. All three chemicals have had day tanks installed to better measure daily usage, new more efficient and more accurate chemical feed pumps were installed that can be operated manually or remotely, new feed lines and anti-siphon valves were installed on all chemicals. As a result of these changes and some close monitoring and cleaning of the chlorine contact chamber we have managed to cut our Polymer usage from 151 gal in June of 08 to 124 gals in June 09 an 18% savings. Sodium Hypochlorite usage from 692 gals to 308 gals a 56% savings, and Sodium Bisulfate usage from 303 gals to 111 gals a 63% savings, this is just the month of June. Materials have been purchased to rebuild the clarifier weirs; a wet spring and summer have kept us from installing them. Finally we had pump station # 3 as the last major station to address, 2 new pumps and a new priming system have been installed. With these upgrades and improvements we expect to have a dependable and manageable facility for years to come.

In closing, please help keep the environment healthy by not disposing harmful substances into the sewer. Remember that the water we have is all we will ever have and cleaning pollutants from it becomes more costly every day! Protect this resource for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
David Michaud, Superintendent Aqua Maine Bucksport

TRANSFER STATION ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

The Bucksport transfer station serves the citizens of Bucksport and Orland. The facility provides an opportunity to dispose of household garbage, demolition and wood debris, metal, motor oil, bulky items and mercury added products. The facility is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A fee is assessed for disposal of demolition debris; bulky items; wood; household garbage, if recyclable items are not pulled out; and mercury added products. A copy of the fee schedule is available at the Town Office or transfer station. Any citizen who has paid excise tax in Bucksport may obtain a disposal permit at the transfer station during operating hours. There is no fee for the permit. If an excise tax receipt is not available, then a disposal permit may be obtained at the Bucksport Town Office during normal business hours.

During the period 7-1-2008 to 6-30-2009, a total of 2,141 tons of waste was collected at the Bucksport Transfer Station. Of that amount, 1,200 tons of household waste was shipped to PERC in Orrington, 172 tons of demolition debris was transported to a Winterport landfill, and 769 tons of waste was recycled. Of the total tons recycled, items included: 125 tons of cardboard, 97 tons of newsprint and magazines, 68 tons of mixed paper, 29 tons of tin cans, 24 tons of plastic containers, 141 tons of metal, 50 tons of leaves and yard waste, 4 tons of car batteries, 99 tons of asphalt, 119 tons of clean wood, and 13 tons of usable items. In addition, 900 gallons of motor oil was collected and used to heat the town garage, 2,757 linear feet of fluorescent lamps 400 television sets and computer monitors were recycled. The sale of recycled items generated \$27,155 in revenues and effort to recycle resulted in \$38,450 of avoided cost to the towns of Bucksport and Orland.

The recycling program has been very successful over the years but there is still opportunity to improve. Keep in mind that for every ton of waste that is recycled, taxpayers save fifty dollars. For those folks who have not been recycling or who have made minimal effort, we encourage you to make more of a serious effort in the ensuing year. Disposal costs have risen drastically over the last ten years. Efforts to recycle have helped minimize those increases. Join the team and help us save your tax dollars.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support particularly those who recycle on a regular basis. I encourage any citizen to contact the transfer station at 469-7496 if information is required regarding the recycling program or with any other disposal question. Citizens may also refer to the informational sheet that follows detailing the Town's recycling program and fee schedule.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the citizens of Bucksport and Orland for your cooperation and the members of the Town Council for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Robinson,
Transfer Station Operator



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CATALOGS:

Loosely deposit in yellow container. You may combine all the above items in the same container. Do not bundle or leave in a paper bag. Items should not be contaminated.



MIXED PAPER:

Includes a wide variety of light cardboard boxes such as cereal or cracker boxes, shoe boxes, foreign cardboard, pizza boxes, boxes that toys are sold in, junk mail, office paper, egg cartons. Please remove the waxed paper liner from any container, flatten and dispose of in the designated green #2 baler located on the recycling wall.



CARDBOARD & BROWN PAPER BAGS:

Only corrugated cardboard and brown grocery bags. Flatten and dispose of in the designated green #1 baler left of the trash hopper.

CLOTHING:

Must be clean and not contaminated with dirt or other substances. Deposit usable clothes in the designated box container.

LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS & GARDEN RESIDUE:

Dispose of in compost pile located behind the transfer station. Please remove all plastic bags and containers. Please stop and see attendant before going down back.



PLASTICS:

Includes all plastics that have the recycle symbol on the bottom and are labeled 1, 2 or 3. Rinse clean.

There is no need to remove labels. Remove all caps and rings. Do Not Include plastic bags, motor oil containers, plastic wrap, styrofoam, brittle tubs, sour cream or cheese containers or plastic utensils. Dispose of the plastics in the yellow container marked for plastics on recycling wall.

GLASS:

Effective March 27, 2006, glass will no longer be recycled and therefore does NOT need to be separated from household garbage.



NOTICE TO ALL USERS

Substantial Recycling means that you separate the required materials EACH time you visit the facility.



TIN CANS:

Please rinse clean and flatten.

There is no need to remove labels. Include covers and rings from other containers. Included aluminum items such as foil pie plates, pans or TV dinner containers. No motor cans. Dispose of the cleaned items at the end of the green table on the recycling wall.



METAL ITEMS:

There is no charge for metal items, except for:

Propane Tanks \$10.00
Refrigerators \$12.00
Air Conditioners, water coolers, etc. \$15.00

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Automobile gas tanks unless cut in half, unrinsed containers that contain a hazardous waste, and whole 50 gallon drums.



MOTOR OIL:

Regular used motor oil ONLY. See Attendant for disposal. Limited to 5 gallons per visit from containers no larger than 2 gallons.

MOTOR VEHICLE BATTERIES

There is no charge to dispose of m/v batteries. Batteries are to be placed in designated container.

DEMO DEBRIS:

1/2 ton pick-up load \$25.00 and limited to two loads per household.



CLEAN WOOD:

Includes brush, trees no larger than 6" diameter, lumber no longer than 8' in length. Limited to two loads per household.



ASPHALT SHINGLES:

Shingles must be free of wood and paper. Limited to two pickup loads per household. No asbestos shingles will be accepted.

Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition

Ten years ago 100 community volunteers came together during a cold Maine winter to express their hopes and concerns about the health and quality of life of area citizens. They considered what people of all ages needed to live well, and what was available in their communities that could help them. Their ideas were transformed into the Bucksport Health Plan. Thanks to the dedication of over 140 volunteers, local government, our schools, Bucksport Family Medicine, the Bucksport Regional Health Center, Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, legislative leaders, and numerous local, regional, and state organizations, many of the recommendations of that plan have been accomplished.

Now it's time to set a new vision for the next ten years to make Bucksport Bay citizens and communities the healthiest in the state. In the coming year Healthy Community volunteers will be seeking answers to the following questions:

- What support do you and your family members need from your community to develop a healthy lifestyle?
- If you or your family members have health challenges now, what support do you need from your community to cope with, live with, or overcome these challenges?
- As you and your family look into your future, what support do you need from your community to live well and maximize your independence?

As a new vision for the decade develops...

Volunteers have continued their mission to improve community health through the following programs and projects:

- For many years members of the Provider Network Committee have fostered development of youth prevention programs to reduce underage drinking and drug use. Comparison of the 2006 and 2008 Maine Youth Drug Alcohol Use Survey results of the Bucksport School Department show a positive trend by a reduction of cigarette use by 25.6 %; teen alcohol use fell by 12.5%; marijuana use by teens was reduced by 41.9%; and binge drinking by teens fell by 20.7%. Provider Network members also assisted in supporting a collaboration between Bucksport Family Medicine and Downeast Health Services to offer family planning services at Bucksport Family Medicine.
- Bucksport School Department's Coordinated School Health Program was awarded a \$14,000 grant to offer students at the Miles Lane/Jewett School fresh fruits and vegetables daily. A district-wide Health Fair was held in April for Bucksport and Orland students. The program received a \$21,000 suicide prevention grant that educates school personnel and the community on suicide prevention strategies. An interdisciplinary team revised the district's substance abuse policy.
- Val Sulya continued her duties in monitoring Main Street sidewalks last winter to promote safe walking areas. The Senior Resource Committee awarded the 2009 Ella B. Rayner Golden Snow Shovel Award to Community Pharmacy. Senior Resource members continued their planning work with town officials by reviewing housing options and program services for older adults.
- Esther Landry, Marjorie Nightingale, Linda Smith and Sue Davis generously donated their time in facilitating four Matter of Balance and Living Well classes serving more than 35 participants.
- Carol Pottle, Dr. Arthur Blake, Arline Lamarche, and Val Sulya are working to establish a fund to pay for colonoscopies for citizens who are either uninsured or underinsured.
- United Way of Eastern Maine chose the Bucksport Bay Early Childhood Network as a community pilot to implement the *Born Learning* initiative. Early Childhood volunteers sponsored a very successful Children's Fair in May that attracted more than 135 children and adults.
- The coalition's largest funding partner is the Maine Center for Disease Control. At a site visit that was held in March Cheryl Cichowski, Contract Officer for the Healthy Maine Partnership

Program, observed, *As a project officer, I see that BBHC works very efficiently both within and outside of HMP program criteria. They have effectively combined efforts to reach their constituents with a broad array of prevention and intervention services. The community people at the table for the site visit also said many of these things during the course of the conversation.*

- The Working on Wellness Program was reorganized through the efforts of Rebecca Berry. Deb Newman from Maine Bytes developed a webpage to guide businesses in building their workplace wellness policies. Dr. Bonnie Kline is providing consultation services to businesses to assist with policy development and educational programs.
- The coalition worked with the Bucksport Fire Department on meeting their application requirements to be designated a HeartSafe Community. The Fire Department successfully achieved this designation.

The coalition is extremely grateful to the many dedicated community volunteers who have contributed to these accomplishments. We are indebted to Town of Bucksport for serving as the fiscal agent to the coalition. A special thank you is extended to Roger Raymond, Tim Emery, Jim Boothby, Rosemary Bamford, Marcelle Marble, Maureen Harris, Kathy Downes, Town Office Staff, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Chief Sean Geagan, Chief Craig Bowden, Chris Connor, Pam Payson, Mary Cuskelly and Barb Ames.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ames	Robin Bray	Mary Jane Bush	Arthur Blake	John Corrigan
Mary Cuskelly	Dawn Elaine Danforth	Tom Gaffney	Betty Gray	Jean Grindle
Lesla Gross	Arline Lamarche	Mike Ormsby	Carol Potter	Ron Pyle

Valerie Sulya



REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2008-2009 school year has been a very busy and productive year that can best be described as a year of changes. Much of the focus of the change has been with the reorganization law and the continued efforts of the regional planning committee. Thanks to the efforts of those individuals, the communities of Bucksport, Orland, Prospect and Verona Island approved the reorganization plan and created Regional School Unit 25. The birth of RSU 25 not only meets the intent of the reorganization law, but positions the communities to meet the expectations and challenges for education in the future.

Beyond the focus of attention towards consolidation, we have committed to the review, development, and alignment of curriculum in the eight content standards as required by the Maine Learning Results. The end result of these efforts will be an EK-12 curriculum that will identify the essential learnings and performance indicators in each of the content areas and will be aligned with the required State assessments. These aligned curricula will provide our teachers with defined learning expectations for all students and help to insure an equitable opportunity to learn for all students.

In addition to the curriculum work, we have established a dropout prevention committee to help us improve our graduation rate, and identify the underlying factors leading to early withdrawal. Another area of focus has been our school crisis plans and our ability to respond should a situation arise that will threaten the safety of our schools. It has been a pleasure to work closely with the Police and Fire Departments and the contributions of Chief Geaghan and Chief Bowden are greatly appreciated.

A number of school maintenance projects were undertaken during the 2008-2009 school year, most notably the renovation to Bucksport High School. Key elements to the renovation were the replacement and structural upgrade to the roof over three sections of the building, the renovation of the student bathrooms on both floors, and the renovation of the locker rooms. Additionally, we were able to continue to remove asbestos floor tiles in the high school as well as complete a number of smaller maintenance projects in all of the buildings.

Energy efficiency and conservation measures were central themes to the 2008-2009 school year and thanks to the everyone's efforts we were able to reduce our energy consumption in all of our buildings. The attention to energy efficiency will continue next year as we complete an energy audit of the school buildings and use those recommendations to develop our short-term and long-term maintenance plans.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Town of Bucksport as your superintendent of schools. This community has high expectations for the school system and I look forward to working closely with the Town Council, Town Manger, community members, and the RSU School Board to make the school system the best we can for the students and citizens of Bucksport.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Boothby
Superintendent of Schools

2008-2009 Enrollment		
Jewett / Miles Lane	K-4	371
Bucksport Middle School	5-8	256
Bucksport High School	9-12	438

**BUCKSPORT HIGH SCHOOL
TOWN REPORT
2009**

As in the past Gary Moulton, his custodians and summer staff did a wonderful job, installing new ceilings, the floors were all stripped and refinished, painting was done in the classrooms, hallways, offices and the gymnasium floor was screened and varnished.

Bucksport High School received their 2 year accreditation report from the NEASC. We also received high commendations from NEASC concerning our future plans. Our 5 year report will be due October 2011.

Last fall we were visited by the Young Americans a traveling performing arts group which included a former student from BHS. While they were here they also held auditions for our seniors. One of our graduating seniors will be heading to California this fall to join the group.

With the help of two extraordinary seniors this spring we were able to put together a very successful mock accident for the school. We took the staff and students through the entire process from the accident through the funeral. It was a very emotional and moving day. We received excellent feedback from the students. This day could not have been possible with the support and assistance of the Bucksport Police, Fire, and Ambulance crews as well as the State Police and Coroner.

Last year we had a very successful football season. We were excited to host and compete in the Eastern Maine Class C football game. Though we did not win we were very proud of our team. The support we received from the town was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Gabe Souza for being selected to receive the 2009 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principal's Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship.

The class of 2009 graduated 110 students. 45% went on to a 4 year college, 20% went on to a 1-2 year college, 4% went in the military, 26% chose employment and 5% were undecided.

Last year we welcomed new staff members: Eric Gallant, Katie Coleman and Kat Berger.

SPECIAL EDUCATION 2008-2009

The Bucksport School Department provides a comprehensive K-12 special education program. Services are available to students with disabilities when the disability adversely affects the student's educational progress. The school department provided services to approximately 155 Bucksport students during the school year. Services ranged from monitoring how a very mildly disabled student is performing in the regular class to small group pull out instruction to some one-to-one direct instruction for more severely disabled students. The goal for each student in the program is to meet Maine Learning Results standards and to successfully earn a high school diploma.

As an Administrative Special Education team we were able to operate more smoothly and confidently due to experience and familiarity with schools and student programs. We held close to three hundred meetings this year which focused on student needs directed towards improved instruction. Special Education Faculty meetings were scheduled monthly and were well attended, topics covered included special education law, curriculum, instruction, and assessment, and other identified professional development needs. We offered professional development opportunities to our educational technicians covering topics of Autism, Aspergers, Behavioral Intervention, and Team Decision Making, profiling Individual Learning Styles, 504 Compliance and Special Education Law.

The new Kindergarten Special Education Program was successful in the delivery of services. It is our belief, that the model delivered provided a successful beginning to each child's educational career.

Additionally, the Special Education Department worked on the following activities:

- Completing the State's Special Education Compliance Review. A letter received by the Commissioner of Education noted compliances in all areas. We were given a five year approval.
- An Educational Technician Evaluation Tool was developed and piloted this spring. The committee worked diligently over a period of seven months collecting and reviewing data, and developing the tool. The tool has a strong professional development component, recognizing strengths and weakness of performance. The tool has been accepted by personnel, administration, and school board.
- Maine State Special Education Continuous Improvement and Monitoring program offers an annual school report to each community. Two areas of concerns were noted in our report, firstly identified was a high incidence of student drop outs and secondly, special education student suspension. The first concern addressed involved the re-activation of the Drop Out Prevention committee. Community members, parents, school board membership, teachers, and administrators attended an initial meeting. This committee is a standing committee which will continue to review research, look at data, and make recommendations to address concerns. We believe that each student is entitled to a successful school career, and that success should begin at an early age to ensure full and complete school participation towards obtaining a diploma.

We want to acknowledge the parents with whom we work and develop relationships with. We appreciate your support and want to continue to build partnerships with each of you as we follow your child's program.

The community of Bucksport continues to support opportunities for students with disabilities which in turn allow quality education for all children. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lamoreau
Director of Special Education

BUCKSPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT 2009
.... where All Students Can and Do Learn

The process of reorganizing into our new RSU 25 school district has involved a tremendous amount of work by several people in all of our involved communities. The collaborative nature that was evident during all of this restructuring effort will undoubtedly result in additional benefits for all of our students and communities. One of those benefits is reorganization tends to make us look closely at who we are and perhaps more importantly who and what do we wish to become. Those discussions are already occurring with the RSU 25 Board and Administrative Team looking at ways to involve stakeholders (parents, community, staff and students) in discussions about creating a vision for our schools. The Bucksport Middle School staff looks forward to becoming an active participant in that exciting process.

The Bucksport Middle School educational team has been actively involved in the professional learning community process and is becoming much more focused in our work with our students in grades 5 through 8. We first identify what students must learn (our curriculum) determine through formative assessments and other assessment data what our students have learned and then provide the necessary supports to assist students with that learning if they haven't yet while deepening the learning with students that have met expectations. This more focused, intentional intervention gets to the very specific learning needs and then allows the student to move on with the next level of skills to be learned.

Earlier this month a team from our school attended a Response to Intervention seminar at UMO to learn more about creating and implementing this program for the 2010-2011 school year specifically in the areas of Reading, Mathematics and also for Behavior. It was an excellent seminar that will provide our Leadership Team with information to share with our whole staff so we can all meet the requirements of this program. Essentially, the program is very similar to what I've described that our PLC groups have already been working on. We determine where our students are at academically in the prescribed content areas and provide support and time for learning to take place. The model makes sense and we believe will make a significant difference in RSU 25 as each school implements this plan.

We have received our MEA results from the last school year, our last year of MEA's as such. These will become the NECAP assessments which will begin early this fall for all of our students here at the middle school. The results showed Bucksport Middle School meeting expectations as a school in both Reading and Mathematics. We also met all subcategory expectations in Reading, however in Mathematics we did not meet expectations in the subcategory groups of Students with Identified Disabilities and Economically Disadvantaged. The RTI strategies mentioned previously will positively impact our student progress on these tests in the future.

The journey that we are all embarking on within our new RSU 25 is exciting. I am confident that our focused effort that requires effort and support from all stakeholders will result in an educational system that we will all be extremely proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas L. Jandreau, Principal

Curriculum and Staff Development 2008-2009 Report

One of the most important responsibilities a community has is to educate its children. It is the mission of Regional School Unit 25 to educate all children and to send them forth prepared to fulfill their promise and live as a contributing citizen of the world. To accomplish this, RSU 25 has many initiatives underway to further develop and refine our academic programs.

The 21st century requires a rigorous curriculum that challenges students to aspire to high achievement. In order to meet this challenge, it is necessary to build a curriculum based on accepted levels of accomplishment that is essential for every student to learn. Currently all curriculum areas are being reviewed, revised, and refined to establish standards of learning. When completed, curricula will be posted on RSU 25's website.

Response to Intervention (RtI) is a federal initiative which must be put into practice by July 1, 2010. RSU 25's teachers and administrator's have been working hard to prepare for implementation. The goal of RtI is to provide early intervention to struggling learners and accelerate their learning so that they do not experience school failure. A comprehensive RtI model provides differentiated instruction and built-in assessments, a portfolio of interventions that meet the diverse needs of learners, and professional learning communities within schools to support and extend teacher knowledge.

RSU 25 students in grades 3-10 are taking NWEA tests called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP). MAP tests are a unique technology-based assessment that adapts to an appropriate level of learning for each student. We give students MAP tests to determine an instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year. We are truly excited about this assessment which focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement.

During the spring of 2009, Maine's Commissioner of Education made the decision that Maine students in grades 3-8 will be tested with the New England Common Assessment program (NECAP). The NECAP replaces the Maine Educational Assessment which has tested students in grades 3-8 for many years. The state decision to make this change was a financial one and is effective in October 2009.

RSU 25's administrators, teachers, and educational technicians continue to be involved in workshops, conferences, courses, and other experiences that are designed to assist staff in their pursuit of excellence in their positions. This emphasis on continuous learning by all adults is a vital link to student performance and school improvement.

I am proud to be part of a learning community that values the academic achievement of all students as well as the learning of adults. I look forward to future collaboration with our dedicated administrators and staff in creating learning experiences that assist students in meeting their future aspirations.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Almquist
Curriculum Coordinator

Town Report
Miles Lane and Jewett Schools
2008-2009 School Year

During this school year, the Miles Lane and Jewett Schools' population increased. We ended the year with 335 students enrolled. Throughout the year we had 33 students transfer into our school and 30 students left. It should be noted that a total of 63 students, which is 19% of our population, were not with us for the complete school year. This has an impact on the instructional program, support services and our overall student performance and achievement. In preparing for the school year 2009-2010, we currently have 88 kindergarten students registered and our current enrollment is 356 to start the school year.

As we face the challenge of consolidation, we have kept a clear focus on classroom instruction and student achievement in our schools. We have had several opportunities to work with the Orland teachers throughout the school year, which has been beneficial. During the past year, we have continued work in the following areas:

- Refining our K-4 curriculum units with a focus on "essential learning" skills for students and assessments to measure progress and guide instruction.
- Implementing a grade one Literacy Team which focuses on the teaching of literacy and monitoring student progress.
- Hiring a Literacy Coach who has been trained through the University of Maine Literacy Program
- Joining the Maine Literacy Partnership and participating in literacy training and workshops K-4
- Continued implementation of our new literacy assessment K-4, Fontus and Pinell, to monitor student learning and guide classroom instruction.
- Development of grade level and specialty teams with the focus on collaboration of grade level curriculum, instructional strategies, monitoring student performance and providing all students within a grade level a consistent educational experience.
- Continued work on the concept of PLC (Professional Learning Communities) which will be a major focus of our work in 2009-2010 school year.
- Providing students in grade 1-4 with an After School Program and In-School Tutor that focuses on development of basic literacy and math skills as well as homework support for our students.
- Continuing support for our Summer Programs; Camp Litmath for grade 2-4 students under the direction of Kim Chadbourne, the first grade program organized by Lynn Redman and a new program for incoming kindergarten students called, Kinder Camp. These three programs were supported by an educational technicians and staff from CDS and Head Start.
- Development and DOE approval of a Collaborative Agreement with Head Start and Child Development Services (CDS) to serve and support additional 4-year old at RSU 25 facilities.
- Working with Bucksport Bay Day Care in increase the capacity in the number of children they can serve in after-school care at Miles Lane and Jewett Schools.
- Initial work on preparing for the Federal Regulation in 2010 for all schools to implement the RtI (Response to Intervention) process. We piloted our 2008-2009 RtI plan, developed by our school RtI team. We will continue work in the 2009-2010 school year to meet the Federal and State Mandates.

We have provided the following activities to continue our effort to provide opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in our school and children's education: Math Fair, Mileage Club, 5-2-1-0 Let's Go, a health and fitness program, Portfolio Night, fall and mid-winter parent teacher conferences, educational field trips and activities and PTO activities. We are always exploring opportunities to involve our community in the education of our youth.

We continue to work to improve the use of technology for teaching and learning. Many of our teachers have participated in the technology course offered by our District. Students and teachers continue to utilize the computer lab to work on basic skills as well as explore new learning though utilizing our software programs and educational websites. TV's have been installed and connected to our network which allows teachers access to the educational programs within the classroom to utilize in daily instruction. Teachers are learning how to use technology to enhance our instructional programs, where appropriate. We have also published our weekly newsletter and other pertinent information of our District website.

As principal of Miles Lane and Jewett Schools, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the truly dedicated staff for their continuous contributions to our schools. Each and every individual who comes to work in our schools are truly here for our students! There is a tremendous sense of school pride among our staff, students, parents and community. I would also like to thank the School Board, Town Council, parents and citizens of our schools for their support. It has truly been an honor and pleasure to serve a community who truly believe in "Children First". I look forward with excitement to challenges before us in the 2009-2010 school year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcelle Marble, Principal

BUCKSPORT ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
2008-2009 Adult Education Director's Report

As Bucksport Adult and Community Education transitions to RSU 25 Adult and Community Education, we continue to expand on our many programs: high school diploma courses, GED preparation and testing, literacy and family literacy, workforce training and adult transition, college preparatory courses, ITV University of Maine courses, enrichment, as well as community service offerings. The main office, learning center, basic computer classes, family literacy offerings, adult transition courses, for those who have a high school diploma and want to upgrade skills for college, and U Maine and EMCC ITV classes are housed in one building, the Jewett School, making it easier for students to access services and find the information they need. It is certainly an advantage to be able to lead learners from writing or math class at the learning center to their college ITV classroom afterward, when they are enrolled in both programs, or to be able to inform parents who come for family literacy playgroup about the rest of our program. Bucksport Adult and Community Education cooperates with area institutions, organizations, and individuals to present a program of learning ready to meet the needs of area adults and families.

During the 2008-2009 school year, Bucksport Adult and Community Education employed 40 teachers and staff, not including 29 University teaching staff. Teachers took part in Maine Adult Education Association conference, staff development, and teacher in-service workshops. During the course of the year, the learning center had 139 registrations, and many families benefited from our educational services, which range from classes for diploma, post-secondary learners, and GED test preparation to small group learning to family literacy activities. Enrollment for our playgroup and family literacy activities was 415. The C.N.A. (Certified Nursing Assistant) students worked in conjunction with Penobscot Nursing Home, Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, and Collier's in Ellsworth to receive their training, and June saw two new classes of C.N.A. graduates, credentialed through Bucksport Adult and Community Education, who were honored during the Adult and Community Education graduation exercises. To solve some of the wait list problems, we offered a second CNA class this year beginning in June and running through the summer. We have offered the Office Skills Certificate Program for some time, and this year three students earned their certificates which were awarded at graduation. The certificate requirements are rigorous, a total of 16 office skills courses completed with satisfactory grades in each. Graduation was held at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center on June 11, 2009, honoring 26 adult graduates. This year's commencement address was given by Bucksport Mayor Elizabeth Whitney to a most appreciative audience. In spite of the widespread economic hardships, 2008-09 was a productive year for Adult and Community Education learners and staff.

By June 2009, Bucksport Adult and Community Education had taken 2,180 registrations: 351 in workforce training courses, 70 in adult transition classes, 1055 in self enrichment courses, 452 in literacy and family literacy, 169 in diploma courses, and 83 in University of Maine college courses. Twenty-six individuals graduated through the Bucksport Adult and Community Education program: seventeen from Bucksport, four from Orland, two from Prospect, one from Verona, one from Stockton Springs, and one from Penobscot. All graduates who wished to do so have procured jobs, and three have been accepted at college, with more in the process of applying for college. It seems more true presently than ever before that, although Adult and Community Education deals with different issues from those of K-12 education, its success significantly impacts K-12 education. The stronger the Adult and Community Education program, the easier the job for K-12 educators and parents; Adult and Community Education programming serves adults and families, preschool to senior citizens. Our 26 graduates will earn an estimated combined \$192,400.00 more per year in taxable income. (based on US Bureau of Labor Statistics: annual income increases for graduates in 2005-2006: \$7,400.00) The accomplishments of our students, all area residents, lead to exciting educational and vocational successes.

In the coming year, regional and state workshops will be held, addressing state and national concerns of standards and assessments. RSU 25 Adult and Community Education will complete a state-approved professional development plan and work to remain responsive to people's learning needs in technology, literacy, vocational, college transition, and enrichment offerings. Through the support of the dedicated Adult and Community Education faculty and staff, school and town officials, RSU 25 Adult and Community Education will continue to meet our citizens' educational needs.

Respectfully,

Leslie R. Murauckas, Director
Bucksport Adult and Community Education

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2008 - 2009 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/09

AGL INC	\$ 5,491.42
AGL INC	311.10
ALLEY, JASON C	1,536.38
ALLISON, MICHAEL A	785.40
AMENKOWICZ, JOSHUA M	822.37
ANGELO, CRYSTAL	581.96
ANTHONY, KEITH	2,799.90
ANTHONY, KEITH	331.64
APPLEBY, CHRISTY	248.97
ATWOOD, TRAVIS W	406.81
BEMIS, ERIC C	379.45
BENSON, CHESTER S	378.35
BIRES, MICHELE L	1,581.00
BISSONNETTE, PAUL A	552.69
BISSONNETTE, PAUL A	187.44
BLAIS, MICHAEL W	1,739.10
BOUGHMAN, JAMES D	1,283.93
BOWDEN, BRETT A	201.56
BRACE, THOMAS L	2,994.98
BURKE, ROY & HOLLY	50.52
CAHOON, ANN D, HEIRS OF	350.63
CALVI-GAUDET, DEBRA	238.43
CASSADY, JAMES	1,147.50
CATION, NANCY W	1,985.18
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	383.78
CLARK, CHARLES B JR	753.57
COHEE, ALTHEA	378.67
COLEMAN, NATHANIEL L	367.20
CONNERS, CELIA (HEIRS)	76.50
COPP, PHYLLIS L (HEIRS)	661.55
COPP, PHYLLIS L (HEIRS)	83.02
COUSINS, GLEN	145.35
COVENANT COMM LAND TRUST	196.35
CRAWFORD, SAM C	2,229.98
DALTON, SHERREE	1,068.36
DALY, THOMAS JR	1,213.80
DAVIS, DORIS	192.09
DAVIS, KIRK L	1,419.07
DAVIS, KIRK L	1,558.05
DRESSER, KENNETH B II TRUSTEE	462.83
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,500.68
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,399.95
EMERY, MATTHEW I	1,310.70
FERNALD, LAURA A	331.04
FLEMING, JENNA	178.50
FREEMAN, THOMAS	87.98
FRENCH, KEITH	735.68
GAUVIN, PAUL R	527.85
GIFFORD, TODD E	5,923.65
GLEICH, AARON	710.17

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2008 - 2009 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/09**

GRANT, MARK W	117.99
GRAY, GREG	25.50
GRAY, STEVEN	358.28
GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	1,501.95
GREENLAW, EVA M (LIFE ESTATE)	275.35
GROVE, BRIAN	344.25
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	763.09
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	267.50
HASEMANN, CYNTHIA	35.70
HAVEL, DONALD F	382.21
HAVEL, DONALD F	476.54
HEATH, CHERYL	225.77
HEROUX, GEORGE J	689.78
HOGAN, RAY	2,249.10
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	937.12
HOME INC	1,403.78
HOME INC (HOME LAND)	623.47
HOVEY, JOSEPH	554.63
JEROME, TIMOTHY	289.42
JEROME, TIMOTHY	1,545.30
JEROME, TIMOTHY	323.85
JEROME, TIMOTHY	337.88
JEWETT, DONALD R	122.18
JOY, DANIEL	243.58
KANE, STEVE MARTIN	1,867.87
KARPA REALTY, LLC	2,634.79
LAWRENCE, TOBY C	294.52
LEEMAN, BRIAN C	2,094.82
LEWIS, LAURA-SUE	977.93
LOCKE, RACHAEL	478.12
LOCKIE, JAMES D HEIRS	286.88
LOWELL, ANTHONY JAMES SR	345.53
LOWELL, MARY E	658.18
LUGDON, LAUREN L	1,093.06
LUGDON, LAUREN L	206.55
MACDONALD, BRIAN E	677.03
MAGGS, KRIS E	1,021.65
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	219.30
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	2,440.70
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	2,341.31
MANN, JEFFREY A	365.92
MANNING, BRIAN	825.45
MATSON, DOROTHY O.	915.45
MCCOY, WALTER LIFE ESTATE	1,551.68
MCDUNNAH, BRUCE (DEVISEES)	365.92
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,036.58
MEGNO, TONY	551.51
MOTTA, KELLI A	86.70
MOTTA, KELLI A	478.12
MOTTA, KELLI A	1,213.80

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2008 - 2009 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/09**

MOTTA, KELLI A	3,252.53
NELSON, JASON M	661.72
NEWMAN, ROBERT	1,328.55
NICODEMUS, TODD	810.90
NORWOOD, NICHOLAS	446.25
NOTHSTEIN, GUSTAVE	797.51
ODONNELL, SHELLY LYNN	307.27
OGDEN, MICHAEL J	700.53
OLDFIELD, PAUL E	416.92
PACHECO, MARIA	826.53
PARADISE, YVETTE	432.62
PARKER, GEORGE C	308.55
PEARSON, MARIE A	2,188.32
PETERAF, EDWARD J	410.55
PETERAF, EDWARD J	1,193.40
PYE, DANIEL T	1,053.15
RACKLIFF, MAYNARD	143.44
RAINEY, JULIE B	1,292.85
RANZONI, JOSEPH D & CAROL D	2,630.33
RANZONI, JOSEPH D & CAROL D	1,020.00
REED, JEFFREY L	1,573.35
REED, LEWIS C SR	591.24
RHENOW, JANICE	2,291.17
RICHARDS, KENNETH L II	2,093.55
ROGERS, JENNIFER	186.15
ROI, MICHAEL V.	228.23
ROI, MICHAEL V.	132.60
ROSS, EDWARD	522.75
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	590.32
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	776.47
SANDELLI, ALFRED J, JR	923.10
SANDELLI, ROBERTA F	785.40
SARGENT, SHAWN D	531.42
SHAW, WAYNE A	1,536.38
SHAW, WAYNE A	93.07
SHOREY, WILLIAM K JR	523.66
SIMPSON, CATHERINE	688.50
SMITH, CURT W	1,248.22
SMITH, GREGORY T	865.72
SMITH, NORMAN	2,965.65
SNOWMAN, TERRENCE L	879.75
ST FRANCIS COMM, INC	1,495.57
STEWART, DANIEL ROY	893.78
SUTHERLAND, ALFREDA (DEVISEES)	93.07
SUTHERLAND, JOHN	419.47
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	132.60
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	400.35
TEMPLE, MAURICE W	828.75
TOCCI, ROBERT (SR)	1,281.38
TOZIER, DANA K	693.04

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2008 - 2009 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/09**

WALLS, DELORES	388.88
WARREN, MICHAEL	557.51
WASCHOLL, LAWRENCE	1,774.80
WATSON, GARY A	1,122.00
WHITE, SARAH	147.90
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	1,128.38
WILSON, CHANDLER 111	484.50
WILSON, CHANDLER 111	597.97
WILSON, GREGORY F & GARY M	391.01
WINCHESTER, ARTHUR	234.16
WINCHESTER, ARTHUR	69.80
WINCHESTER, ARTHUR	249.90
WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	283.13
WOOD, RAYMOND W JR	1,493.03
WOODARD, KELLEY J	481.95
WOODARD, KELLEY J	286.88
WOODBIDGE, GAIL	325.13
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,054.43
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	613.28
WOODMAN, JALANE G	753.34
YELITZ, EDWIN J JR	2,994.98
YORK, JOSEPH	1,656.23
ZACHARY, JOHN J	<u>516.38</u>
TOTAL	\$ 153,498.87

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2007 - 2008 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/09

AGL INC	\$ 3,396.84
ALLISON, MICHAEL A	779.70
CALVI-GAUDET, DEBRA	37.26
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	159.25
CONNERS, CELIA (HEIRS)	73.14
CRAWFORD, SAM C	1,861.62
DALY, THOMAS JR	887.34
FREEMAN, THOMAS	95.22
FRENCH, KEITH	743.82
GAUVIN, PAUL R	103.58
GIFFORD, TODD E	6,205.89
GRAY, GREG	27.60
GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	1,433.82
GROVE, BRIAN	323.84
HEROUX, GEORGE J	506.89
HOGAN, RAY	2,191.44
JEROME, TIMOTHY	485.01
LEWIS, LAURA-SUE	937.02
LOCKE, RACHAEL	237.31
LOCKIE, JAMES D DEVISEES	276.00
LUGDON, LAUREN L	198.72
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	40.42
MANNING, BRIAN	826.62
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,052.94
NELSON, JASON M	636.18
NEWMAN, ROBERT	942.54
NICODEMUS, TODD	794.88
OLDFIELD, PAUL E	59.19
PYE, DANIEL T	726.26
RAINEY, JULIE B	1,241.79
RANZONI, JOSEPH D & CAROL D	2,644.08
RANZONI, JOSEPH D & CAROL D	1,037.76
RHENOW, JANICE	1,855.88
RICHARDS, KENNETH L II	2,170.74
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	284.28
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	235.98
SANDELLI, ROBERTA F	198.72
SHAW, WAYNE A	887.34
SHAW, WAYNE A	89.70
SHOREY, WILLIAM K JR	516.12
SMITH, GREGORY T	880.44
TEMPLE, MAURICE W	821.10
WATSON, GARY A	360.18
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	1,215.83
WILSON, CHANDLER III	466.44
WILSON, CHANDLER III	575.46
WOODARD, KELLEY J	463.68
WOODARD, KELLEY J	276.00
WOODBIDGE, GAIL	313.26
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,068.12

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2007 - 2008 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/09**

WOODBIDGE, ROGER	589.26
YORK, JOSEPH	1,664.28
ZACHARY, JOHN J	<u>505.08</u>
TOTAL	\$ 46,401.86

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF 6/30/09**

2006 - 2007

RANZONI INCORPORATED	\$ 729.70
	<u>\$ 729.70</u>

2007 - 2008

RANZONI INCORPORATED	\$ 605.82
WARDWELL CONSTR'N & TRKG CORP	<u>24.66</u>
	<u>\$ 630.48</u>

2008 - 2009

DEAN HOKE BUILDERS L.L.C.	\$ 36.97
HAWKSLEY ACCOUNTING SERVICE	14.02
RANZONI INCORPORATED	489.60
WARDWELL CONSTR'N & TRKG CORP	<u>7,753.28</u>
	<u>\$ 8,293.87</u>

**SCHEDULE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY
AS OF 6/30/09**

LOCKIE, JAMES D	\$	276.00
LUGDON, LAUREN L		99.36
WOODMAN, JOEY M		<u>286.19</u>
TOTAL	\$	661.55

MUNICIPAL AUDIT FOR THE PERIOD 7-1-2008 TO 6-30-2009

Because of the length of the municipal audit, only a portion of the audit has been printed in this report. The Table of Contents, Management's Discussion and Analysis and Notes to the Financial Statements have been left out. Citizens wishing to obtain a complete copy of the audit may do so by contacting the Bucksport Town Office during normal business hours.

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August 6, 2009

Town Council
Town of Bucksport
Bucksport, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Bucksport and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Bucksport as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2009 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget to Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Combining Balance Sheet – Non Major Governmental Funds	Schedule D
Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Non Major Governmental Funds	Schedule E

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Certified Public Accountants

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 7,661,411	\$ 7,661,411	\$ 7,661,411	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	8,889,065	8,889,065	8,873,023	(16,042)
Excise taxes	574,500	574,500	675,431	100,931
Intergovernmental	4,869,595	4,869,595	4,808,049	(61,546)
Charges for services	2,849,786	2,849,786	3,105,131	255,345
Interest on taxes	19,000	19,000	33,800	14,800
Interest income	169,000	169,000	316,765	147,765
Miscellaneous revenues	178,400	178,400	422,500	244,100
Transfers from other funds	4,500	4,500	47,277	42,777
Amounts Available for Appropriation	25,215,257	25,215,257	25,943,387	728,130
Charges to Appropriation (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	1,287,456	1,287,456	1,159,664	127,792
Protection	1,383,854	1,383,854	1,279,611	104,243
Public works	866,083	866,083	824,683	41,400
Health and sanitation	461,081	461,081	368,383	92,698
Community and social agencies	57,602	57,602	53,778	3,824
Education	11,164,235	11,164,235	10,046,617	1,117,618
Recreation	220,022	220,022	201,234	18,788
Cemeteries	4,120	4,120	4,120	-
County tax	240,444	240,444	240,444	-
Tax Increment Financing Agreement	951,969	951,969	786,895	165,074
Debt service:				
Principal	730,461	730,461	735,461	(5,000)
Interest	361,605	361,605	356,604	5,001
Unclassified	386,989	386,989	114,278	272,711
Transfers to other funds	1,182,579	1,182,579	1,242,799	(60,220)
Total Charges to Appropriations	19,298,500	19,298,500	17,414,571	1,883,929
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 5,916,757	\$ 5,916,757	\$ 8,528,816	\$ 2,612,059
Utilization of Designated Fund Balance	\$ 714,837	\$ 714,837	\$ -	\$ (714,837)
Utilization of Undesignated Fund Balance	1,029,817	1,029,817	-	(1,029,817)
	\$ 1,744,654	\$ 1,744,654	\$ -	\$ (1,744,654)

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2009

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 3,235,682	\$ 125,581	\$ 3,361,263
Investments	8,791,344	80,825	8,872,169
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	17,363	-	17,363
Liens	199,901	-	199,901
Other	201,868	207,764	409,632
Inventory	15,823	5,149	20,972
Prepaid items	186,403	3,000	189,403
Tax acquired property	661	-	661
Due from other funds	70,860	2,481,881	2,552,741
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 12,719,905</u>	<u>\$ 2,904,200</u>	<u>\$ 15,624,105</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 392,856	\$ 18,147	\$ 411,003
Accrued payroll	656,906	-	656,906
Other accrued payables	9,000	-	9,000
Due to other funds	2,950,850	70,860	3,021,710
Deferred tax revenues	181,477	-	181,477
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,191,089</u>	<u>89,007</u>	<u>4,280,096</u>
Fund Equity			
Reserved:			
Endowments	-	71,199	71,199
General Fund:			
Designated	1,449,461	-	1,449,461
Special Revenue Fund:			
Designated	-	954,729	954,729
Capital Project funds	-	1,715,429	1,715,429
Permanent funds	-	86,655	86,655
Unreserved, reported in:			
General Fund:			
Designated	17,652	-	17,652
Undesignated	7,061,703	-	7,061,703
Special Revenue Fund:			
Undesignated	-	(12,819)	(12,819)
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>8,528,816</u>	<u>2,815,193</u>	<u>11,344,009</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 12,719,905</u>	<u>\$ 2,904,200</u>	<u>\$ 15,624,105</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 8,873,023	\$ -	\$ 8,873,023
Excise taxes	675,431	-	675,431
Intergovernmental	5,877,621	1,603,654	7,481,275
Charges for services	3,105,131	-	3,105,131
Miscellaneous revenues	773,065	470,909	1,243,974
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>19,304,271</u>	<u>2,074,563</u>	<u>21,378,834</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,159,664	106,866	1,266,530
Protection	1,279,611	26,490	1,306,101
Public works	824,683	71,568	896,251
Health and sanitation	368,383	-	368,383
Community and social agencies	53,778	145,668	199,446
Education	10,046,617	1,454,756	11,501,373
On-behalf payments - State of Maine	1,069,572	-	1,069,572
Environment & housing	-	1,670	1,670
Recreation	201,234	29,573	230,807
Cemeteries	4,120	15,783	19,903
Tax Increment Financing Agreement	786,895	-	786,895
Debt service:			
Principal	735,461	-	735,461
Interest	356,604	-	356,604
County tax	240,444	-	240,444
Capital outlay	-	2,303,585	2,303,585
Unclassified	114,278	-	114,278
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>17,241,344</u>	<u>4,155,959</u>	<u>21,397,303</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>2,062,927</u>	<u>(2,081,396)</u>	<u>(18,469)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	47,277	1,274,200	1,321,477
Transfers out	(1,242,799)	(94,090)	(1,336,889)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,195,522)</u>	<u>1,180,110</u>	<u>(15,412)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	867,405	(901,286)	(33,881)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>7,661,411</u>	<u>3,716,479</u>	<u>11,377,890</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 8,528,816</u>	<u>\$ 2,815,193</u>	<u>\$ 11,344,009</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2009

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 125,581	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,581
Investments	51,798	-	29,027	80,825
Accounts receivable	115,844	-	-	115,844
Inventory	5,149	-	-	5,149
Prepaid items	3,000	-	-	3,000
Due from other governments	91,920	-	-	91,920
Due from other funds	637,625	1,715,429	128,827	2,481,881
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,030,917</u>	<u>\$ 1,715,429</u>	<u>\$ 157,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,904,200</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 18,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,147
Accrued payroll	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	70,860	-	-	70,860
Total liabilities	<u>89,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,007</u>
FUND EQUITY				
Fund balance:				
Reserved for endowments	-	-	71,199	71,199
Unreserved:				
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	954,729	1,715,429	86,655	2,756,813
Undesignated	(12,819)	-	-	(12,819)
Total fund equity	<u>941,910</u>	<u>1,715,429</u>	<u>157,854</u>	<u>2,815,193</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,030,917</u>	<u>\$ 1,715,429</u>	<u>\$ 157,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,904,200</u>

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SCHEDULE E

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,603,654	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,603,654
Interest/Gains & Losses	16,007	63,963	8,033	88,003
Donations	1,490	-	-	1,490
Other	363,362	18,054	-	381,416
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,984,513</u>	<u>82,017</u>	<u>8,033</u>	<u>2,074,563</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	103,667	3,199	-	106,866
Protection	18,689	7,801	-	26,490
Public Works	376	71,192	-	71,568
Health and Sanitation	-	-	-	-
Human Services	145,668	-	-	145,668
Education	1,454,756	-	-	1,454,756
Environment & Housing	1,670	-	-	1,670
Culture & Recreation	9,371	20,202	-	29,573
Cemeteries	-	-	15,783	15,783
Capital Outlay	303,435	2,000,150	-	2,303,585
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,037,632</u>	<u>2,102,544</u>	<u>15,783</u>	<u>4,155,959</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(53,119)</u>	<u>(2,020,527)</u>	<u>(7,750)</u>	<u>(2,081,396)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	280,433	993,767	-	1,274,200
Transfers Out	<u>(87,304)</u>	<u>(2,286)</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>(94,090)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>193,129</u>	<u>991,481</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>1,180,110</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	140,010	(1,029,046)	(12,250)	(901,286)
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	<u>801,900</u>	<u>2,744,475</u>	<u>170,104</u>	<u>3,716,479</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 941,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,715,429</u>	<u>\$ 157,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,815,193</u>

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Senator Richard W. Rosen

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
Message from Senator Richard Rosen

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is a great honor to represent the people of Bucksport in the State Senate. I look forward to working for the betterment of this community and area.

Last January, the Governor introduced his budget for the next biennium. With an estimated shortfall of \$800 million, lawmakers had some very tough decisions to make. These circumstances, however, presented us with an opportunity to retool state government, reduce the size of the bureaucracy, carefully review the effectiveness of current programs, and set state government on a course for long term sustainability. Some costs saving ideas were accepted but much of the budget hole was filled with one-time stimulus dollars from the federal government. We will be facing significant budget shortfalls again next session and there will not be stimulus dollars to plug the gap this time.

I believe the solution to these budget shortfalls is fiscal restraint and economic growth. Maine must restructure its tax system to encourage private sector investment and job creation and that means that the state income tax must be significantly reduced or eliminated. As it deals with its ongoing budgetary problems, the Legislature should keep in mind the longer term strategy needed to get Maine's economy growing.

While some lawmakers may tout raising taxes to increase revenue, I am opposed to such measures. I am firmly committed to addressing Maine's budget crisis without further burdening Maine's taxpayers.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you are having difficulty navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard".

Richard Rosen
State Senator
District 31



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September 2009

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I wish to thank the residents of Bucksport for allowing me the opportunity to represent you once again in Augusta as a member of the 124th Legislature. Of the 151 members currently serving in the House of Representatives, 95 are Democrats, 55 are Republicans and one colleague is unenrolled. Furthermore, I am delighted to be among the 54 women lawmakers currently serving at the Capitol.

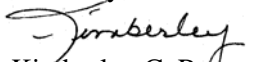
I was again appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. As such, I am closely involved with negotiations dealing with the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Highway Fund, highway and bridge construction and maintenance, highway safety, waterways and railroads. The Highway Budget was controversial this year as various proposals were made to raise the gas tax. An initial version of the budget that did not include a tax increase but also had no money for maintenance paving failed to receive enough votes for passage. After intense debate in the closing hours of session, a bipartisan compromise was reached to pass the budget. Approximately \$9 million was shifted from other funds back in the Highway Budget to fund some maintenance paving. Members of the Transportation Committee have agreed to work together over the coming months to find additional sources of funding for maintenance paving.

Nearly 1,500 bills were considered and more than 250 roll call votes were recorded in the House during the First Regular Session. Some of the more contentious bills included a tax package which will broaden the sales tax while decreasing the income tax, the allowance of same-sex couples to marry, changes to the school consolidation law and solutions to balancing the General Fund budget during these tough economic times. In January, the Legislature addressed a budget shortfall of \$160 million for the remainder of FY '09. Lawmakers then faced an even harder task of finding ways to fill a much larger deficit for the next biennium. As your Representative, I pledge to continue to reach across the aisle to construct solutions that will sustain a viable safety net for all vulnerable citizens as we move into the Second Regular Session in January.

Helping guide people who have problems with state government and finding solutions are the parts of the job I enjoy most. Please feel free to contact me at home or in Augusta if you have questions or need assistance with a state-related issue. Also, your comments, suggestions and ideas for change are always welcomed.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Kimberley C. Rosen
State Representative

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Economic Development	469-7949
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Ambulance Service (non-emergency).....	469-3245
Police Department (non-emergency)	469-7951/7952

Non-Emergency Services

Recreation Director	469-3518
Senior Citizen's Director	469-3632
Skating Rink	469-3372
Town Pool	469-7316
Town Garage	469-6680
Waste Water Treatment Plant	469-6288
Transfer Station-Recycling Center	469-7496

School Department

Superintendent's Office	469-7311
Bucksport High School	469-6650
Jewett School	469-6644
Miles Lane School	469-6666
Middle School	469-6647
Adult Education	469-2129

Office Hours at Your Municipal Office Are:

Monday through Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	Closed All Day